

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

November 14, 2007

Board met in Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. in their Meeting Room at Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

Harry C. Christensen, Jr., Chairman
Jackie Belf-Becker
Judith R. Jacobi
James E. Nye
William. L. Woodfin, II

Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes from October 24, 2007. All in favor with Mrs. Belf-Becker and Mrs. Jacobi voting present.

RECREATION PARKS AND FORESTRY. Seaside Park/Elliot Roundy

Grandstand. Derek Norcross, Dave Rodgers and Tom Hamond appeared before the Board regarding Seaside Park/Elliot Round Grandstand. Motion made and seconded to have the Board of Selectmen endorse the Recreation, Parks and Forestry Department's submission of an inventory form for Seaside Park, in consideration of potential listing of the Park on the National Register of Historic Places and to have the Chairman of the Board sign on their behalf. All on favor.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE. Open Space and Recreation Plan. Walter Haug, Rebecca Curran, Tom Hamond and Nick Freeman appeared before the Board to invite them to a public meeting on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:00pm in the downstairs meeting room at Abbot Public Library, 235 Pleasant Street. The Open Space Committee is in the process of updating its Open Space and Recreation Plan as required by the State Department of Conservation Services. Any interested persons are encouraged to attend.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS. Classification Tax Allocation Fiscal Year 20078 John P. Kelley, Chairman of the Board of Assessors and Michael Tumulty, Assistant Assessor appeared to provide a report on information necessary for votes to be taken on tax exemptions that would shift local taxes from the residential class to the commercial, industrial and personal property classes. The three categories of exemptions to be voted on are as follows: Open Space, Small Commercial and Residential. After discussion the following motions were made:

1st motion made and seconded to not allow an exemption of up to 20% of the average assessed value of all Class One residential parcels. All in favor.

2nd motion made and seconded to not allow a maximum exemption of 10% of assessed value of small commercial property. All in favor.

3rd motion made and seconded to not allow a minimum exemption of 25% for all property classified as Open Space. All in favor.

4th motion made and seconded to vote a single rate factor of 1, all parcels to be levied at 100%. All in favor.

SWEENEY'S RETREAT. Phil Sweeney appeared before the Board as it relates to an incident on October 7, 2007 at Sweeney's Retreat, 18 Atlantic Avenue. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of warning to Sweeney's Retreat and put in their permanent file. All in favor.

VOTE. Motion made and seconded to award a contract for the re-roofing of the town owned building at 6B Cliff Street to R & H Roofing of Easthampton MA in the amount of nine thousand nine hundred and seventy five dollars (\$9,975.00) and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

VOTE. Motion made and seconded to award a contract for the furnishing and installing of a new generator at the Central Fire Station 1 Ocean Avenue to Nardone Electric of Medford, Massachusetts in the amount of forty seven thousand twenty five dollars (\$47,025.00) subject to receipt of a federal grant from the FY05 Firefighter Assistance Grant Program and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

VOTE. Causeway temporary traffic control devises. Motion made and seconded pursuant to G.Ls. c. 40 §21 and c. 85 §2 and the general powers granted to the Board of Selectmen in the General By-Laws, there shall be installed on the causeway in various locations a temporary traffic control devise for the purpose of protecting life and safety of the inhabitants of Marblehead during the repair and reconstruction of the seawall beginning November 2007 and ending July 2008. The rules, fines and enforcement authorities pertaining to all traffic control devises in the Town shall be applied thereto. All in favor.

VOTE. Sign. Motion made and seconded to approve a sign board for Eastern Yacht Sales, 91 Front Street, subsequent to the applicant receiving a signed permit from the Building Department and receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance. All in favor.

PLANNING BOARD JOINT MEETING. Interviews. Karl Johnson, Jim Bishop and Phil Helmes of the Planning Board were present. The following individuals were independently interviewed by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen as it relates to two vacant positions on the Planning Board: Mark Brings, Kurt James, Brian Leclair and Ed Nilsson. Motion made and seconded to place all four names into nomination. All in favor.

On a polled vote the Planning Board and Selectmen voted as follows:

Mr. Johnson: Mark Brings

Mr. Bishop: Ed Nilsson

Mr. Helmes: Kurt James
Mr. Nye: Kurt James
Mr. Woodfin: Mark Brings
Mrs. Jacobi: Kurt James
Mrs. Belf-Becker: Kurt James
Mr. Christensen: Kurt James.

Marblehead Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board appoint Kurt James to the Planning Board with a term to expire in May 2008, at which time this position will appear on the ballot with a term to expire in 2011.

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Mr. Johnson: Mark Brings
Mr. Bishop: Ed Nilsson
Mr. Helmes: Ed Nilsson
Mr. Nye: Mark Brings
Mr. Woodfin: Mark Brings
Mrs. Jacobi: Ed Nilsson
Mrs. Belf-Becker: Ed Nilsson
Mr. Christensen: Brian Leclair

Marblehead Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board appoint Ed Nilsson to the Planning Board. This position will appear on the ballot in May 2008 with a term to expire in 2010.

CHANGE OF MANAGER. The New Marblehead Landing. Robert J. Simonelli appeared before the Board requesting a change of manager on the liquor license for the New Marblehead Landing, 81 Front Street, from Chris Shea to Robert J. Simonelli. Chairman Christensen recused himself due to a possible conflict. Motion made and seconded to approve this request subject to the Board receiving the vote from the Corporate Board and CORI clearance. All in favor.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT. The New Marblehead Landing. Robert J. Simonelli appeared before the Board requesting the addition of a Sunday Entertainment License to their current license. Hours requested are from 1:00pm – 11:45pm. Motion made and seconded to approve this request subject to no music to be heard from the street. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD HISTORICAL COMMISSION. Marblehead Maritime Museum dedication. Wayne Butler appeared before the Board to invite the members of the Board and the Town of Marblehead to join the Marblehead Historical Commission in dedicating the Marblehead Maritime Museum as sponsored by Dr. Raymond F. Cole, Jr. on December 1, 2007 at 11:00am.

COUNCIL ON AGING Interview. Edward S. Bell was interviewed by the Board as it relates to a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Council on Aging. Motion made and seconded to appoint Edward S. Bell to the Council on Aging with a term to expire in May 2010. All in favor.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Holiday Wreaths. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Ann Marie Casey, Marblehead Chamber of Commerce, to hang approximately 120 holiday wreaths throughout the central business district beginning the week of November 26th, subject to receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance. All in favor.

VOTE. Causeway Seawall. Motion made and seconded to award construction phase engineering services to PARE Corporation not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) and to have the Board of Selectmen sign the agreement as prepared by Town Counsel. All in favor.

RECREATION, PARKS & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT. Nomination. A letter was read as it relates to the nomination of Dave Rodgers as representative to both the Sewall Committee and the Fort Sewall Oversight Committee.

MARBLEHEAD FESTIVAL OF ARTS. Use of Abbot Hall. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of the Marblehead Festival of Arts to use Abbot Hall for its Holiday Artisans Marketplace on the following dates and times: Friday, November 30, 2007 6:00pm – 9:00pm (set up); Saturday, December 1, 2007, 7:00am – 6:00pm and Sunday, December 2, 2007, 9:00am – 6:00pm, subject to a receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance and custodial fees paid. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD FIREWORKS COMMITTEE. A letter of intent was read from Timothy R. Green as it relates to serving as the Chairman of the Marblehead Fireworks Committee. Mr. Green has served for on the Fireworks Committee for several years and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Motion made and seconded to appoint Timothy R. Green as Chairman of the Marblehead Fireworks Committee with a term to expire in May 2008. All in favor.

RECREATION, PARKS & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT. Christmas Tree Disposal. The following letter from Tom Hamond was read: “Due to the ongoing seawall construction project there is a shortage of float storage space, leaving no safe location to hold the eve of the epiphany Christmas tree bonfire at Riverhead beach this year. This will notify all residents that there will be **no bonfire** this year and to take all trees to the transfer station for proper disposal. Also, curb side pick up will begin on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 and end Friday, January 11, 2008 to allow for the holidays and minimum overtime. As always, this would also depend on weather and available staff and equipment.”

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. Holiday Trash and Recycle Collection Schedule. Week of November 18th

Monday, November 19th through Wednesday, November 21st trash & recycling are on a regular schedule. Thursday, November 22nd, Thanksgiving Day the Transfer Station is closed; no trash or recycle collection. Friday, November 23rd Thursday's trash and recycling routes will be collected. Saturday, November 24th Friday's trash and recycling routes will be collected.

Week of December 23rd

Monday, December 24th trash and recycling will be collected on a regular schedule. Tuesday, December 25th Christmas Day the Transfer Station is closed; no trash or recycle collection. Wednesday, December 26th Tuesday's trash and recycling routes will be collected. Thursday, December 27th Wednesday's trash and recycling routes will be collected. Friday, December 28th Thursday's trash and recycling routes will be collected. Saturday, December 29th Friday's trash and recycling routes will be collected.

Week of December 30th

Monday, December 31st trash and recycling will be collected on a regular schedule. Tuesday, January 1st New Year's Day the Transfer Station is closed; no trash or recycle collection. Wednesday, January 2nd Tuesday's trash and recycling routes will be collected. Thursday, January 3rd Wednesday's trash and recycling routes will be collected. Friday, January 4th Thursday's trash and recycling routes will be collected. Saturday, January 5th Friday's trash and recycling routes will be collected.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION. Vacancies. A letter was read from Doug Saal notifying the Board that the Conservation Commission is currently seeking individuals to fill several vacant positions. The Board of Selectmen will now accept letters of intent from all interested parties who would like to serve on this commission. Letters of intent should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead, MA 01945 by Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 5:00pm.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION. Resignation. Motion made and seconded to accept, with regret, the resignation of Elizabeth McKinnon from the Historical Commission and to send a letter of appreciation. All in favor. The Board of Selectmen will now accept letters of intent from all interested parties who would like to serve on this commission. Letters of intent should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead, MA 01945 by Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 5:00pm.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. Brook Road. Motion made and seconded to forward a letter from Chris Bogdan to the Traffic and Safety Committee for further review. All in favor.

REQUEST. Wine and Malt License. Motion made and seconded to remove from the table the request of Laura Herhold and Mitch Wondolowski, Marblehead Chowder Company, which was moved and seconded to table on October 24, 2007 until a full Board was present. All in favor. Laura Herhold and Mitch Wondolowski appeared before the Board seeking a Wine and Malt License at 9 Bessom Street. Motion made and seconded to ask Assistant Town Counsel to prepare a Legal Advertisement for soliciting business proposals for all those interested in obtaining a Wine and Malt License. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD CULTURAL COUNCIL. Appointment. Motion made and seconded to appoint Carol Virginia Booth to the Marblehead Cultural Council with a term to expire in May 2008. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD RETIREMENT BOARD. A letter was read from Matthew P. Barnett, Retirement Board, as it relates to the Board receiving a copy of the annual 2008 budget as required by M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 22. Chapter 306 of the Acts of 1996 requires the Retirement Board to submit a copy of their annual budget at least 30 days prior to adoption of said budget.

VOTE. Local Inspector. Motion made and seconded to appoint Chris Butler of 70 Village Street, Marblehead as Local Inspector effective payroll week beginning November 25, 2007 subject to receiving his certification by the State as Local Inspector within 18 months of appointment and request starting salary will be group 53 step 2 (\$902.56), subject to the approval of a compensation committee. All in favor.

HOLIDAY HOURS. Abbot Hall and Mary Alley. Motion made and seconded to approve the following hours for Abbot Hall and Mary Alley for the week of November 19 - 23, 2007: Monday, November 19, 2007, 8:00am – 5:00pm; Tuesday, November 20, 2007, 8:00am – 5:00pm; Wednesday, November 21, 2007, 7:30am – 3:30pm; Thursday, November 22, 2007, Closed; Friday November 23, 2007 Closed.

NOTICE OF MEETING. State of the Town. Meeting to be held on December 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting room regarding the State of the Town.

NOTICE OF CANCELANATION OF MEETING. There will no Selectmen's meeting on December 26, 2007.

HOLIDAY HOURS. Abbot Hall and Mary Alley. The following holidays will be observed; Abbot Hall and Mary Alley will be closed on December 24th, 25th and 31st 2007, and January 1, 2008.

MARBLEHEAD VETERANS MIDDLE SCHOOL. Talent Show. Motion made and seconded to send a letter to Libby Moore, Bob Tirrelli and the student body congratulating them on their recent talent show at which they raised \$3,000 and donated it the Council on Aging. All in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 10:00pm. All in favor.

Kyle Wiley
Administrative Aide