

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES

January 5, 2023

Board met in HYBRID session at 10:00 a.m. at Abbot Hall and via ZOOM Conferencing
The following members were present constituting a quorum:

M. C. Moses Grader, Chair
Jackie Belf-Becker
Erin M. Noonan
Alexa J. Singer

Thatcher W. Kezer III, Town Administrator

The Chair called the meeting of January 5, 2023 to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Contract Negotiations. Motion made and seconded to go into Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A for the purposes of contract negotiations, Finance Director, where the public discussion on the same may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, votes may be taken, and if they are votes will be released at a time deemed appropriate by Counsel. The Board will reconvene in open session. Moved by Mrs. Belf-Becker, seconded by Mrs. Singer. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor. The Board moved into Executive Session.

The Board resumed in open session at 10:20 a.m.

FINANCE DIRECTOR. Appointment. Aleesha Nunley Benjamin appeared before the Board. Motion made and seconded to appoint Aleesha Nunley Benjamin as Finance Director for the Town of Marblehead subject to successful execution of a contract, as presented, and effective date to be determined. All in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Commendation. Chief King appeared before the Board to issue a Letter of Commendation to Lieutenant Sean Sweeney Sr. and to bestow upon Lieutenant Sweeney the Department's highest meritorious recognition, a Medal of Commendation, for the lifesaving actions he took on December 4, 2022. With nearly 25 years of service to the Town of Marblehead Lieutenant Sweeney will retire at the end of the month.

The Chair stated in addition to the Medal of Commendation bestowed on Lieutenant Sweeney for his decisive, forthright and brave actions, the Chair wished to publicly commend Lieutenant Sweeney on behalf of the Select Board and propose to publicly recognize Lieutenant Sweeney with letter of appreciation from the Select Board. Moved by Mrs. Singer, seconded by Mrs. Belf-Becker. All in favor. The Chair further stated

that Lieutenant Sweeney's actions are completely within character and representative of the highest traditions of the of the Marblehead Police Department whose members are willing to put themselves in harms way and to sacrifice for the protection and safety of the citizens of our great town.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Lease Agreement. Chief King appeared before the Board seeking approval to enter into a lease agreement for two (2) new police vehicles to include upfitting. Motion made and seconded to approve the lease for two (2) new police vehicles and upfitting, as presented, and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

LICENSING. Common Victualler. A&D Clam Box. 195 Pleasant Street. Klevis Qyrsa appeared before the Board seeking a Common Victualler License at 195 Pleasant Street. Motion made and seconded to approve the application for a Common Victualler License, as presented, for A & D Clam Box, 195 Pleasant Street, Manager Klevis Qyrsa. Hours of operation Monday – Sunday 10:00 am – 10:00 pm, seating capacity = 13. All in favor.

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 30, 2022 and December 7, 2022 All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Dan Albert addressed the Board regarding a pedestrian/vehicle accident that occurred at Bessom and Pleasant Streets in November of 2021. The Town Administrator, in response to Mrs. Noonan's question, stated that he is in constant communication with the Police Chief and various departments related to public safety issues and concerns as needed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 10:55 p.m. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mrs. Noonan. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide

List of documents used:

Town Administrator Memorandum – Appointment of Finance Director
Resume – Aleesha Nunley Benjamin
Ltr/Commendation from Chief King
Lease Agreement, 2 new police vehicles
Common Victualler application. A&D Clam Box. 195 Pleasant Street