SELECT BOARD

MINUTES

July 26, 2023

Board met in HYBRID session at 7:00 p.m. at Abbot Hall and via ZOOM Conferencing The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Erin M. Noonan, Chair
M. C. Moses Grader
Bret Murray
James E. Nye
Alexa J. Singer

Thatcher W. Kezer III, Town Administrator

The Chair called the meeting of July 26, 2023 to order.

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of June 28, 2023. All in favor.

PARKING REGULATIONS. 66 Clifton Avenue. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Marblehead Counseling Center, 66 Clifton Avenue, to restrict parking in the lot at Marblehead Counseling Center Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. for Marblehead Counseling Center use only, subject to review and approval from Police and Fire. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Breast Friends Walk. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Emil Lucien to hold the annual Breast Friends Walk on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. starting at Devereux Beach subject to approval from Police Chief, Recreation and Parks, police details and receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance. No permanent markings are allowed on the public way and all temporary markings shall be removed at the conclusion of the event. All in favor.

TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION. Letter of Interest. A letter of interest was received from Niko Vaughn King as it relates to serving on the Task Force Against Discrimination, Student Representative.

ABBOT HALL. Permission to Use. Arpeggione Ensemble. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Andrea LeBlanc, Arpeggione Ensemble, to use Abbot Hall on Sunday, August 20, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. subject to the usual rules, regulations, fees and receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance. All in favor.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA). The Town Administrator presented an update on the Town's ARPA funds and proposed three requests for approval. After

discussion by the Board a motion was made and seconded to approve the use of federal ARPA Funds for the following purposes and amounts:

- Rail Trai-Lead Mills/Bridge construction, $1,426,200
- School/Town Financial Software Upgrade, $463,803
- Replace/Upgrade Municipal Fiber Connection Loop, $500,000

The total request is for $2,390,003. Out of the total of $6,144,030 in ARPA funds available for Marblehead, $2,709.310 has been previously approved for funding leaving $3,434,720 remaining for additional APR funded projects. With these projects approved, the remaining balance will be $968,585. All in favor.

VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENT POLICIES. Survey Results. Discussion. The Board reviewed draft policies on Vacancies/Appointments/Reappointments and received the initial responses to the survey sent out to all volunteers. Board members would like to allow a bit more time for feedback and take some time to digest the survey results. Comments were made on a few edits to the policies. The Board will continue this discussion at their meeting on August 16, 2023. No votes were taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Elaine Arruda would like the pride pavement removed and asked how does a resident seek to have a flag removed and get an ordinance to state which flags can be flown or on sidewalks.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE. The Town Administrator updated the Board as follows:

- Through Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) the Town received $175,000 design fund for a branch of the Rail Trail
- Police Department:
    - Police Chief is working traffic enforcement and addressing residents' concerns
    - Road Safety Grant – Town has received this grant 3 years in a row and is expected to receive $40,000 this year
    - 2 Police Officers have completed training and are out on the streets
- Fire Chief spoke to the upcoming heat wave reminding residents of the precautions they should take

SELECT BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS. Dates discussed for Select Board retreat.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. All in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide

List of documents used:
Marblehead Counseling letter regarding parking
Breast Friends letter

Letter of interest, Task Force against Discrimination
Arpeggione Ensemble request to use Abbot Hall
APRA spreadsheet, request for funding
Draft Policies/ Survey results