

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES

December 20, 2005

Board met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. in its meeting room at Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

Judith R. Jacobi, Chairman
Jeffrey N. Shribman
Harry C. Christensen
Jackie Belf-Becker
James E. Nye
Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 14, 2005. All in favor. Mr. Christensen voted present.

ESSEX COASTAL SCENIC BYWAY. A letter in support of a grant application submitted by the Essex National Heritage Commission to the National Scenic Byway Program for the creation of a regional corridor management plan for the designated scenic byway. Motion made and seconded to approve the sending of this letter and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE. Lee and Union Streets. Letter of recommendation from the Committee members that the word "Stop" be painted in large letters on Lee Street at the corner of Union Street and that a sign reading "Stop Ahead" be installed on the pole about 50' from the corner. The Committee members also requested that the Town Administrator investigate the possibility of limiting vehicles, of either a certain weight or length, from Union, Water and Front Streets. Motion made and seconded to accept the recommendations and request. All in favor.

ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE. Request from Donald W. Grant, Secretary North Shore Shrine Club for a one-day license for the Club's event to be held on Sunday February 26 between 6:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at the Philanthropic Lodge at 62 Pleasant St. On a polled vote the Board voted to approve the request as follows: Mr. Nye: in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker: in favor; Mr. Christensen: in favor; Mr. Shribman: in favor and Mrs. Jacobi: in favor.

OLD & HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION. Preservation Restriction Agreement. Letter from Katie Ryan, Secretary of the Marblehead Old and Historic Districts Commission, requesting that the Selectmen approve the following agreement executed in favor of National Architectural Trust, Inc.: 104 Elm Street, Owner: David S. Tips. Motion made and seconded to appoint the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. All in favor

LICENSES. All Alcoholic Common Victualer – Motion made and seconded to renew the following license, subject to all taxes and fees to the Town being paid and receipt of proof of workers' compensation insurance, as applicable:

CPMS, Inc.
d/b/a Sticky Rice
26-28 Hawkes Street
Marblehead, MA 01945
Manager: Julie K. Hahnke

On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye: in favor; Ms. Belf-Becker: in favor; Mr. Christensen: in favor; Mr. Shribman: in favor and Mrs. Jacobi: In favor.

LICENSES. Common Victualer Licenses. Motion made and seconded to renew the following license, subject to all taxes and fees to the Town being paid and receipt of proof of workers' compensation insurance, as applicable:

Shipyard Galley
50 Atlantic Avenue
Marblehead, MA 01945
Manager: Gerta Mujaj

All in favor.

RETIREMENT BOARD. Election Results. Letter from Matthew P. Barrett, Election Officer, Marblehead Retirement Board that Calvin R. Powers, being the only nominee for the January 18, 2006 election, has been elected by the Retirement Board members to serve his third year term as a member of the Retirement Board. The decision was made at their December 20th meeting, Mr. Power's term shall start on January 19, 2006, end on January 18, 2009 and that no other election is required.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE TOWN. FY07. Town Administrator, Anthony M. Sasso and Finance Director John J. McGinn gave presentations concerning the anticipated financial status of the town for FY07. In summary: FY07, based on projected revenue and spending should result in a positive figure of \$388,812. Mr. Sasso noted that this is the first time in five years that the projected budget does not reflect a deficit.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. Search for Superintendent. Amy Drinker, School Committee member, 30 Gregory Street introduced two principals of New England School Development Council (NESDEC): Arthur L. Bettencourt and Kenneth L. DeBenedictis. (NESDEC has been retained by the School Committee to assist the town in its search for a new Superintendent of Schools.) Mssrs. Bettencourt and DeBenedictis summarized NESDEC's goals and invited comments from the Selectmen, the Finance Committee members that were present (Susan Patoski, David Harris, Steve Haskell, Christopher Foley, William Corbett, John Buba, Patricia Moore and Kathy Leonardson) on the characteristics, background and experience that the future superintendent should possess and what goals that person should focus on within the first six to ten months of hire. Ms. Drinker noted that forms for input from members of our community are available at all school departments and the Abbot Library. Additionally, Ms. Drinker noted that an open

session for School Committee deliberations on process is scheduled for January 5 starting at 7:30 p.m. on January 5, 2005, in the High School Library.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. All in favor.

Ursula M. Kretschman
Administrative Aide