

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES

August 9, 2006

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

Harry C. Christensen, Chairman
Jackie Belf-Becker
Judith R. Jacobi
James E. Nye
Jeffrey N. Shribman

Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes of July 26, 2006. All in favor.

FINANCE DIRECTOR. Town of Marblehead Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual. At the request of John McGinn, Finance Director, Motion made and seconded to approve the following change to the travel policy ADDENDUM TO TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Guidelines – Local Travel: Add #6 under Guidelines – Local Travel as follows:

6) Certain positions within the Building Commissioner's Department will be reimbursed for the use of their personal vehicles in the conduct of official Town of Marblehead business. The positions listed below will receive reimbursement for their local travel by receiving a certain annual percentage, as indicated below, of the approved annual appropriation for local travel for the Building Inspector's Department:

- a. Building Commissioner – 8.33% annually
- b. Local Building Inspector – 15% annually
- c. Local Building Inspector – 15% annually
- d. Plumbing Inspector – 26.67% annually
- e. Wire Inspector – 26.67% annually
- f. Assistant Wire Inspector – 8.33 annually

The intent of this policy is to reimburse the inspectors for local travel; therefore, they are also eligible to submit for mileage reimbursement when and if they attend authorized conferences or educational programs that are more than 50 miles round trip travel distance from the Town of Marblehead.

This change is effective with the Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Town Operating Budget. All six inspectors eligible to receive local travel will received one-half of their annual allocation on a monthly basis.

Bond Anticipation Notes. John McGinn Finance Director appeared before the Board seeking approval of a Bond Anticipation Notes. Motion made and seconded to approve the sale of a \$2,376,500 4.25 percent Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town dated August 18, 2006 and payable August 17, 2007 to Eastern Bank at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$13,295.13. All in favor. Motion made and seconded that the consent to the financial advisor bidding for the note, as executed prior to the bidding for the note, is hereby confirmed. All in favor.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DOUGLAS PETERSEN appeared before the Board with a quarterly update as it relates to local aid.

Selectman Shribman arrived at 7:45 p.m.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION. Interview. Craig Smith, 27 Vine Street, was interviewed for a position on the Conservation Commission. Motion made and seconded to appoint Mr. Smith to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire in May of 2009. All in favor. This leaves one opening on the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Christensen recused himself from the discussion concerning the Police Chief's vacancy.

Motion made and seconded to appoint Jeffrey Shribman Chairman, Pro Tem. All in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Attorney Marc J. Miller, Assistant Town Counsel, appeared before the Board to discuss alternatives with respect to the upcoming vacancy of the Chief of Police. Alan Shapiro, Counsel for the Police Union, and Roy Ballard, President of the Police Union appeared before the Board with their comments as it relates to the different alternatives. Ken King, of 7 Jefferson Street, a former police officer, also made comments in favor of Civil Service. Motion made that the Town of Marblehead, with respect to the upcoming vacancy concerning the Chief of Police position, request that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Human Resource Division ("HRD"), supply a statewide list of eligible candidates, and that the Town of Marblehead utilize the Assessment Center as the sole ranking device, subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 150E. Seconded. Three selectmen voted in favor, with Mr. Nye opposed.

Chairman Christensen returned to the meeting as Chairman.

PERMISSION. Parking. No action taken as it relates to the request of Gloria Kearney to allow parking on Sunday, August 20, 2006 from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Flint Street on the occasion of her daughter, Maura's, engagement party.

PERMISSION. Sandwich Boards. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Bob Cusack, Flotilla Commander of the Marblehead USCG Flotilla to place their public education sign boards at the following locations during the week of August 28th:

Gatchell Green, Tent's Corner, Chamber of Commerce Booth, Bailey Square, Beach and Ocean and Atlantic at Seaview; and to place the same boards at the following locations for the week of September 4th: Gatchell Green, Beach and Ocean and Atlantic Avenue at Seaview. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Block Party. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Elissa Tosi to block off Central Jersey Street from Ramsdell to Shepard Street on Saturday, August 19 (rain date of August 20) from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This permission is subject to the approval of the Police and Fire Departments. All in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. A letter of commendation from Chief Carney was read as it relates to two investigations conducted by Detective Sargeant Jonathan Lunt in July of 2006.

BUILDING INSPECTOR. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of the Building Inspector to appear before the Finance Committee to seek a transfer of \$11,880 for repair to traffic lights.

LICENSE. All Alcoholic Beverage. Motion made and seconded that a notice of intent to offer and seek applicants for an All Alcoholic Beverage License date to be determined and referred to Assistant Town Counsel Miller. All in favor.

PEACE POLE. Motion made and seconded to remove from the table the placement of the Peace Pole. All in favor. Motion made to reject the proposal of the Peace Committee to place the pole at Gatchell Green. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion made and seconded to go into executive session to discuss strategy as it relates to potential litigation, votes may be taken, and if they are, votes will be released at a time deemed appropriate by Counsel, not to resume in open session. On a polled vote as follows: Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor; Mrs. Jacobi, in favor; Mr. Shribman, in favor; and Mr. Christensen, in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Patricia D. Charbonnier
Administrative Aide Pro Tem