

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES**

February 16, 2007

Board met in Special Session at 12:00 p.m. in its Meeting Room in Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

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

Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator.

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 24, 2007.
All in favor.

LICENSING. Change of Manager. Gregg Lindsay proposed new manager of the Tedesco Country Club was present. Motion made and seconded to approve Mr. Lindsay as the new manager. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Banners. Motion made and seconded to grant the following requests to hang banners across Pleasant Street subject to the rules and regulations and receipt of the required insurance:

May 21-28 - Victoria A. Kelley, Vice President for Philanthropy- Hospice of the North Shore to hang a banner to advertise the 13th annual Auction and Regatta to benefit the Hospice scheduled for Friday, June 15 and Sunday, June 17.

May 28 to June 4 - Roger Tufts, Interact Vice President and Co-Chair of the Hunter Bear Project to hang a banner to promote safe-driving.

All in favor.

PERMISSION. Sandwich Boards. Motion made and seconded to approve the following requests subject to the rules and regulations:

April 23 to 30 – George Gearhart – Symphony by the Sea - at Lafayette and Maple; Lafayette and Humphrey and Atlantic at Seaview;

February 26 to March 5 (and February 19 to 26 if not requested by another organization) – Christine Creager-Kepko, Marblehead Festival of Arts – at Lafayette and Maple; Lafayette and Humphrey; Pleasant and Essex and Tedesco and Humphrey;

May 7 to 14 (and April 30 to May 7 if not requested by another organization) – Brigitte Lagoutte, Marblehead Garden Club – at Lafayette and Maple; Lafayette and Humphrey and Pleasant and Essex;

March 19 to 26 (and March 26 to April 2 if not requested by another organization) – Loren Weston, Team Up – at Pleasant and Essex; Tedesco and Humphrey and Beach and Ocean –or-

March 26 to April 2 at Lafayette and Maple; Lafayette and Humphrey and Atlantic at Seaview, if second week is unavailable;

and

April 23-30 at Pleasant and Essex; Tedesco and Humphrey and Atlantic at Seaview

All in favor

BELLS. Motion made and seconded that the bells of Abbot Hall and all the churches in Marblehead be rung on Washington's Birthday, Thursday, February 22, 2007 at the usual holiday hours from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.; 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. as has been the custom in the past. All in favor.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS. Zoning Board. Motion made and seconded to authorize Town Administrator Anthony M. Sasso to appear before the Finance Committee to request the transfer of the sum of \$1,979. from the Reserve Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws for legal fees. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Use of Spirit of '76 Image. Request from Adam Bissonnette, NXTevent (an event and destination management company) of Boston, MA to use the image in a tour copy. Motion made and seconded to table until February 28 pending further inquiry by Town Administrator Anthony M. Sasso. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Staging. Atlantic Avenue. Request from Bruce Paradise, Paradise Construction, LLC, Swampscott to place staging on the sidewalk of in front of Carlson GMAC Real Estate, 10 Atlantic Avenue for a period of six to eight weeks starting February 19. Motion made and seconded to approve subject to the receipt of the required certificate of insurance and that the staging be illuminated after dark and not encroach onto Atlantic Avenue. All in favor

PERMISSION. Ft. Sewall. Request from Captain Kevin J. Stirnweis, Glovers Marblehead Regiment to use Ft. Sewall July 6, 7 and 8 for the regiment's annual

encampment. Motion made and seconded to approve subject to the usual rules and regulations and receipt of insurance. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Signage. Proclamation. Appointment. Richard Hamblin, member of MA Motorcycle Association was present in connection with a request from the organization for the following:

- that signage be placed in Marblehead to promote awareness of motorcycles in hope of reducing motorcycle accidents and injuries;
- declare, proclaim and/or resolve to participate in the State's Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Period, during the last week of March through the last week of April; and
- appoint a public safety official to work with the association in coordinating the event.

Motion made and seconded to:

- to approve the proclamation;
- to approve placement of the sign subject to receipt of the required certificate of insurance; and
- appoint Lt. Dave Millett as the public safety officer to ascertain an appropriate location in town for placement of the sign and report back to the Selectmen. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD LITTLE THEATRE. Grant Application. Charles Gessner and Ginny Morton were present to request the Selectmen's support of their intention to apply to the MA Cultural Council for a \$100,000 grant for purposes of expanding use of the Theatre to the second floor. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of support of the grant application. Ms. Morton will draft a letter of support for consideration by the Selectmen. All in favor.

COMMUNITY GOLF DAY. Tedesco Country Club. Letter from Paul Crosby, Executive Director -Marblehead Counseling Center expressing an interest in use of the facilities on May 14, 2007 to raise much needed funds for the Center. Motion made and seconded to approve Mr. Crosby's request. All in favor. It was noted that Mr. Crosby's letter was the only letter of request received.

Mrs. Belf-Becker left the meeting at 12:25 pm

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. Brook and Auburndale Roads and Clifton Avenue. Request from Ron Vener, 7 Auburndale Road that the intersection of Brook and Auburndale Roads become a 3-way stop signed intersection and that the intersection of Pickwick and Brook Road becomes a 4-way stop signed intersection. Mr. Vener also requests increased enforcement of the stop signage at the intersection of Brook Road and Clifton Avenue. Motion made and seconded to forward Mr. Vener's letter of request to

the members of the Traffic and Safety Committee for review and advice to the Selectmen. All in favor.

RETIREMENT. Letter from Patricia Cerrutti, advising that she will be retiring from her position as Administrative Clerk at the Selectmen's Office on February 29, 2008.

COMCAST. Notices. Letter from Jason Whittet, Manager Government and Community Relations for Comcast that effective on or about March 7 price for payments made by phone is \$4.00 not \$2.95. Annual from 500 Complaint Data received.

BUDGET. Meeting Date. Pay Schedule. Budget meeting scheduled for March 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Abbot Hall for Department Heads to appear before the Board of Selectmen. Motion made and seconded to approve the following changes to the Administrative, Seasonal, Temporary and Traffic Supervisor pay scales: a two (2%) percent increase effective July 2007 and a one (1%) percent increase effective January 2008. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Ursula M. Kretschman
Administrative Aide