

BUDGET MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

March 8, 2007

The Board met in Special Session at 3:00 p.m. in its meeting room at Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

Harry C. Christensen, Jr., 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 February 28, 2007.
All in favor.

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

March 12 – 19 – Bob Cusack – US Coast Guard Auxiliary – at Lafayette and Humphrey and March 19 – 26 at Beach and Ocean to advertise a boating class scheduled for March 27.

June 4-11 and June 18-25 – Gene Arnould – Marblehead Summer Jazz '07 – at Maple and Lafayette; Lafayette & Humphrey; Pleasant and Essex, Tedesco and Humphrey and Atlantic at Seaview. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Banner. Motion made and seconded to grant the following request to hang a banner across Pleasant Street subject to the rules and regulations and receipt of the required insurance:

April 30 to May 7 – Maura B. Abramo, Public Relations Specialist – Jewish Community Center of the North Shore to hang a banner to advertise the JCCN's Beachhurst Designer Show House Project scheduled for Sunday, May 6. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Spirit of '76. Request from Charles Brannan, Eugene, OR to use image of Spirit of '76 in a book he has written. Board took no action.

PERMISSION. Use of Ft. Sewall. Request from Earl L. Miller, 74 Bayview Road to use Ft. Sewall on Saturday, June 16 for a wedding. Motion made and seconded subject to the rules and regulations. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Muster. Parade. Request from David Martin, Peter Martin and Larry Doliber on behalf of the Marblehead Muster Committee to hold a muster at Green Street Playground on Saturday, September 1 and a parade from Veterans Middle School down to Pleasant Street/Elm Street to Green Street Playground. This is to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Gerry 5 VFA. Motion made and seconded to approve both requests. All in favor.

LICENSING. One Day Liquor License. Request from Bernard Bitman on behalf of Temple Emanu-El, 393 Atlantic Avenue, for a liquor license to serve wine on Sunday evening April 29, 2007 at the temple between the hours of 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Motion made and seconded to approve subject to payment of the requisite fee. On a polled vote the board voted as follows: Mr. Nye: in favor; Ms. Belf-Becker: in favor; Mrs. Jacobi: in favor; Mr. Shribman: in favor and Mr. Christensen: in favor.

PERMISSION RESCISSION. Spirit of '76. Motion made and seconded to reconsider the vote taken on February 28 granting permission to Pam Petersen to use an image of the Spirit of '76 in an upcoming publication. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to rescind the vote. All in favor.

REVOLVING ACCOUNT. Conservation Commission. Storm Water By-Law. Request from F. Carlton Siegel, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Commission authorization to establish a fund in the amount of \$10,000. for FY08, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½. The fund will be used by the Conservation Commission and is associated with proposed Article 22 in this year's Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ANNUAL WARRANT HEARING. A public hearing for the purpose of discussing pros and cons of article on the Town Warrant for Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 7, will be on Monday, March 26 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting room.

NORTHEAST GATEWAY Public Hearing. Letter from Douglas Jones, Environmental Manager, Neptune LNG LLC ("Neptune") that the Department of Environmental Protection, Waterways Regulation Program will conduct a public hearing on the project proposed by Neptune to construct and maintain a natural gas pipeline associated with its proposed Deepwater Port to be located in MA bay. The proposed pipeline will lie within the coastal jurisdictions of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Beverly, Salem and Marblehead. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the National Park Service – Salem Visitor Center, 2 New Liberty Street, Salem.

Motion made and seconded to resend a copy of the Selectmen's letter regarding concerns about the project. All in favor.

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Animal Inspector. Robert Coyne, Acting Chief of Police, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,200 for Salaries. All in favor.

Animal Control Officer. Robert Coyne, Acting Chief of Police, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$63,809 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,787 for Expense. All in favor.

Police Department. Robert Coyne, Acting Chief of the Police Department, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,737,175 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$187,612 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$10,000 for Indemnification of Officers. All in favor.

Fire Department. Fire Chief Barry Dixey appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,587,296 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$122,248 for Expense. All in favor.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS. Fire Department. Chief Dixey requested permission to appear before the Finance Committee for two transfers from the Reserve Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws fire expenses:

- 1) \$3,413.98 for medical costs for an injured firefighter; and
- 2) \$8,706.67 for repair and maintenance costs on Ladder 1 and Engine 2.

Motion made and seconded to authorize the first request. All in favor.

Motion made and seconded to authorize the second request. All in favor.

Building Inspection Department. Robert Ives, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$418,314 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$9,755 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$3,000 for Local Travel. All in favor.

Public Buildings Department. Robert Ives, Superintendent of Public Buildings, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$83,605 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to

approve \$101,100 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$400 for Local Travel. All in favor.

Highway Department. Thomas Murray, Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$623,390 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$85,934 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$10,741 for Rebuild/Hot Top Streets. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$100,000 for Snow Removal. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$13,950 for Maintain/Rebuild Sidewalks. All in favor.

Veterans' Agent. David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Agent, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$53,213 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,243 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,100 for Local Travel. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$14,618 for Benefits. All in favor.

Sealer of Weights and Measures. David C. Rodgers, Sealer of Weights and Measures, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$150 for expense. All in favor.

Memorial Day. David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Graves Officer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,950 for Expenses. All in favor.

Council on Aging. Patricia Roberts, Director of the Council on Aging appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$156,492 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,859 for Expense. All in favor.

Harbors and Waters Department. Charles Dalferro, Harbormaster and Gary Gregory, chairman of the Harbors and Waters Board, appeared before the Board of Selectmen to present their proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$287,304 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$196,925 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$51,705 for Bonds and Interest. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$55,100 for Capital Outlays. All in favor.

Engineering Department. Douglas Saal, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$108,672 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$10,395 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$500 for Local Travel. All in favor.

Finance Department. John J. McGinn, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$579,744 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve

\$246,205 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,945,000 for Maturing Debt. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1,294,169 for Interest. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$380,000 for Medicare. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$9,232,609 for Group Insurance. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$160,200 for Non-Contributory Retirement. All in favor.

Parking Clerk. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$10,484 for Expense. All in favor.

Town Counsel. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator presented the proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,000 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$52,932 for Expense. All in favor.

Selectmen's Department. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2008. Motion made and seconded to approve \$5,500-for Officials Expense. Three in favor. Mr. Nye voted present. Motion made and seconded to approve \$326,433 for Salaries. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$72,163 for Expense. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$7,000 for Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Services. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,000 for Out-of-State Travel. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,300 for Town Reports. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$36,000 for Audit of Accounts. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$117,550 for Street Lighting. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$475,888 for Other Insurance. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$391,000 for Energy Reserve. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve \$200,000 for Workers' Compensation. All in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. All in favor.

Ursula M. Kretschman
Administrative Aide