

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

April 23, 2014

Board met in session at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Abbot Hall

Present (constituting a quorum):

Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair
Harry C. Christensen, Jr.
Judith R. Jacobi
Bret T. Murray
James E. Nye

Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from April 9, 2014. All in favor.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER. Fire Department. Chief Gilliland appeared before the Board seeking a Reserve Fund Transfer. Motion made and seconded to authorize Fire Chief Jason Gilliland to appear before the Finance Committee to request the transfer of the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) from the Reserve Fund in accordance with chapter 40, section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws. 4 voted in favor, Mr. Murray voted present.

MARBLEHEAD DISABILITIES COMMISSION. Interviews. Appointments. The following applicants appeared before the Board as it relates to serving on the Marblehead Disabilities Commission: Caroline Curtis, 12 Harris Street, #2; Ron Grenier, 17 Sagamore Road; and Ed Lang, 10 Hathaway Road. The Board interviewed the applicants. Motion made and seconded to appoint Ron Grenier and Ed Lang to a 1 year term to expire in May 2015. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to appoint Caroline Curtis to a 2 year term to expire in May 2016. All in favor.

ABBOT HALL. Permission to Use. Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Andrew Barnett, Troop 79 BSA, to use Abbot Hall Auditorium on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor subject to the usual rules, regulations, fees and receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance and to waive the rental fee. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to send a letter to Alan McKinnon III congratulating him on his accomplishment and requesting that he attend a future Selectmen meeting in order to present his Eagle Scout project. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Headers in History Tour. Marblehead Veterans Middle School.

Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Matt Fox, MVMS Principal, and Betsy Hundahl, event co-chair to use Fort Sewall, and erect a small tent, for their annual 8th grade Headers in History Walking Tour on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, use Abbot Hall and the Old Town House for students to eat their lunch and use an image of the Spirit of '76 on their "passport". All in favor.

OLD TOWN HOUSE. Permission to Use. St. Michael's Church. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Robert Howie, Tercentenary Committee Chair, to extend the previously approved dates to use the Old Town House to include Monday, May 26, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. subject to the usual rules, regulations, fees and receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance. All in favor.

GRASSE, FRANCE. Letters. Motion made and seconded to send two letters to Grasse, France as follows: 1. Congratulating both the out-going and in-coming mayor; and 2. Recognizing the 44th International Exhibition of Roses and the accomplishment that this represents for the city of Grasse and to send the Boards thank you and regrets on the invitation extended to attend the Exhibition. All in favor.

2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING. Start Time. The 2014 Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 5, 2014 at the Veterans Middle School, 217 Pleasant Street, starting at 7:00 p.m.

ARBOR DAY. A letter was received from Doug Gordon, Tree Warden, notifying the Board that the Town will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, May 3, 2014 with a celebration to be held at Robinsons Farm where the Marblehead Conservancy will be planting tree seedlings and giving tours of the Farm.

LEAD MILLS. Landscape Design. Public Meetings. The Town of Marblehead has retained a team of students from the Conway's School of Landscape Architecture to develop and design alternatives for the Lead Mill property. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marblehead Community Center, 10 Humphrey Street. The meeting will include a project overview and summary of the site analysis. Public input is encouraged. A second Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Abbot Public Library downstairs conference room and will include a presentation of the findings and design concepts that the student team develops. Contact Town Planner Becky Cutting with any questions 781-631-0000 or curranr@marblehead.org.

ABBOT HALL/OLD TOWN HOUSE. Rules and Regulations. Motion made and seconded to accept, on principle, the proposed changes with an understanding that the recommendations will be inserted into the existing forms for each building and then presented to the Board for approval at their next meeting. All in favor.

CONGRATULATIONS. Boston Marathon. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of congratulations to Shalane Flanagan on the Boston Marathon. All in favor.

CONDOLENCE. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of condolence to the family of Walter Conrad. All in favor.

2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING. Article 33. Motion made and seconded to offer to the Town Meeting a vote of “Opposition” from the Board of Selectmen regarding Article 33 – Massachusetts Community Preservation Act petition. 4 voted in favor, Mr. Christensen, voted present.

2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING. Post. Motion made and seconded to post a meeting of the Selectmen on May 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Middle School, 217 Pleasant Street. All in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. All in favor.

Jeff Chelgren
Town Administrator