

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## MINUTES

January 27, 2021

Board met in session at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM Conferencing:

Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair  
M. C. Moses Grader  
James E. Nye

Jason Silva, Town Administrator

The Chair called the meeting of Wednesday, January 27, 2021 to order. The following roll call was taken: Mr. Grader, present; Mr. Nye, present; Mrs. Belf-Becker, present.

**LEAD MILLS. Pump Track.** Pat Milner, Bike Marblehead, appeared before the Board with a draft proposal asking for the Town to allocate dedicated off-road space for biking via a pump track and a bike park. The proposal comes in response to the recent dismantling of bike jumps from Lead Mills by the Conservation Commission. The proposed sites for use are Lead Mills, Green Street Woods and Wyman Woods all of which Bike Marblehead propose meets the passive recreation definition which is that “recreational activities do not require prepared facilities and place minimal stress on a site’s resources.” Many residents spoke in favor of the proposal while some residents expressed concern for the use on conservation land. Chair Belf-Becker stated that Lead Mills is under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and if they deem the property not suitable for a pump track the Board will convene a group of interested individuals to seek alternate sites for a pump track. Mr. Nye and Mr. Grader stated their support for the Chair’s proposal.

**LICENSING. Gerry #5 Veterans Fireman Association, Inc. Change of Officers/Directors.** Arthur Dodge, 8 Franklin Street, appeared before the Board as it relates to an application from the Gerry #5 Veterans Fireman Association, Inc., 210 Beacon Street, to change the Officers/Directors on the All-Alcoholic Beverage Club License. Motion made and seconded to approve the application as submitted by the Gerry #5 Veterans Fireman Association, Inc., 210 Beacon Street, to change the Officers/Directors on the All-Alcoholic Beverage Club License subject to receipt of the required forms, fees and approval from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC). Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

**APPOINTMENT. Treasurer/Tax Collector.** Michael Carritte appeared before the Board as it relates to appointment as Treasurer/Tax Collector. Motion made and seconded to appoint Michael Carritte as Treasure/Tax Collector, with a term to expire in

June 2021. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor

**APPOINTMENT. Cultural Council.** Jennifer Uhl appeared before the Board as it relates to serving on the Cultural Council. Motion made and seconded to appoint Jennifer Uhl to the Marblehead Cultural Council with a term to expire in June 2023. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor

**LEASE. Samuel Hobbs Memorial Building.** Motion made and seconded to lease the Samuel Hobbs Memorial Building at 66 Clifton Ave to Marblehead Community Counseling Center Inc. for the public purpose of providing mental health and outreach services to persons who live and/or work in Marblehead and surrounding areas for a term of five years with a five-year renewal option. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor

**CONTRACT. Accessible Ramps. Amend.** Motion made and seconded to amend the contract between J. Marchese and the Town for accessible ramps by increasing the amount by eight thousand two hundred dollars (\$8,200.00) and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor

**PROCLAMATION. Holocaust Education Awareness Month.** Motion made and seconded to issue a proclamation proclaiming January as Holocaust Education and Awareness Month and January 27, 2021 as Holocaust Remembrance Day. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor

**REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS.** Motion made and seconded to reauthorize the following Revolving Fund Accounts for Fiscal Year 2022 in accordance with Mass General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ in the amounts below:

Animal Control Department	\$ 20,000
Council on Aging	\$ 250,000
Board of Health, commercial waste disposal	\$ 550,000
Board of Health, vaccines	\$ 10,000
Highway, street opening fees	\$ 150,000
Sump pump improvement	\$ 10,300
Historical Commission Gift	\$ 15,000
Recreation and Parks	\$ 800,000
Marblehead Public Schools	\$1,200,000

Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

**RESIGNATION. Task Force Against Discrimination.** A letter was received from Stephen Hamelburg notifying the Board that due to a recent move he must resign from the Task Force. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of appreciation to Stephen Hamelburg for his service. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

**LETTERS. Police Department.** The Board received a letter from Marblehead's Racial Justice Team and 2 letters signed by multiple residents as it relates to the recent incident involving a former police officer scratching a swastika into another police officer's car and their questions and concerns about this. The Chair read a statement addressing the concerns raised and noting the expectations the Board has for the investigation currently underway relating to this incident. Selectmen Nye and Grader each made a statement as well. The Board continued in a dialogue with many members of the community who were present on the Zoom meeting.

**VACANCIES.** The following is a list of vacancies on Town Boards, Commissions and Committees. Anyone interested in serving on one of these Boards or Committees should submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street or email to [wileyk@marblehead.org](mailto:wileyk@marblehead.org)

**CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Term 1 year**

2 Vacancies

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Term: 3years**

**2 Vacancies**

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD – Term: 3 years**

1 Vacancy

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – Term: 3 years**

2 Vacancies

**MARBLEHEAD CULTURAL COUNCIL – Term 3 years**

9 Vacancies

**OLD BURIAL HILL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – Term 1 year**

2 Vacancies

**OLD AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION – Term: 1 year**

1 Vacancy, Member

2 Vacancies, Alternate Members

**TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION – Term: 1 year**

1 Vacancy

**TAXATION AID COMMITTEE – Term: 1 year**

1 Vacancy

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

1 Vacancy – Alternate Member, Term 1 Year

**EXECUTIVE SESSION. Contract Negotiations.** Motion made and seconded to go into Executive Session for the purposes of contract negotiations where the public discussion on the same may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, votes may be taken, and if they are votes will be released at a time deemed

appropriate by Counsel. The Board will or will not reconvene in open session. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.

Kyle A. Wiley  
Administrative Aide