

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES

June 10, 2026



Board met in HYBRID session at 7:00 p.m. at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Select Board Meeting Room

The following Board members were present constituting a quorum:

Dan Fox, Chair
M. C. Moses Grader, Vice Chair
Rossana Ferrante
Erin M. Noonan
James R. Zisson

Thatcher W. Kezer III, Town Administrator

The Town Administrator called the meeting of June 10, 2026, to order. This is the 378th annual convening of the Select Board for the Town of Marblehead. This meeting is being recorded.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD. Chair. The Town Administrator noted the first order of business is to nominate a Chair for the upcoming year and then asked for nominations. Motion made and seconded to nominate Dan Fox as Chair. All in favor. Mr. Fox thanked board members for their trust in him and asked for a motion to appoint Moses Grader as Vice Chair. Motion seconded. All in favor. The Chair welcomed Rossana Ferrante to the Board and congratulated everyone across town who ran, whether they won or not, for their engagement and volunteering.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. The Chair read the Town of Marblehead's Land Acknowledgement.

PUBLIC COMMENT. The following Public Comment was taken:
Albert Jordan - welcomed new board/thanked town Clerk's office for well run elections / override result has upset many people / DPW should put out ahead of time what work is being done / agreed with Mr. Zisson's efficiency proposal / select board not accessible.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE. The Town Administrator provided the following historical information related to the Select Board:

The Current Select Board's Place in Marblehead History

Americans often identify Presidents by number. George Washington was President #1. Joe Biden was President #46. Donald Trump is President #47.

Marblehead can make a similar claim.

Since the Town first elected Selectmen in 1648, only 381 individuals have had the honor of serving on the Board of Selectmen, now known as the Select Board. Every newly elected member joins a line of civic leadership that stretches back nearly four centuries.

The current members of the Select Board hold the following places in that history:

- Moses Grader — Member #375
- Erin Noonan — Member #377
- Dan Fox — Member #379
- James Zisson — Member #380
- Rosanna Ferrante — Member #381

Rosanna Ferrante, elected in 2026, is the 381st person to serve in an office that dates back to the earliest years of Marblehead's history. Moses Grader, as Member #375, is the senior member of the current Board in terms of historical order of election.

Like the numbering of Presidents, these numbers become a permanent part of the Town's historical record. Future generations may not remember every issue debated or every vote cast, but they will know where each member fits within Marblehead's long tradition of local self-government.

From a colonial fishing village to the vibrant community Marblehead is today, only 381 residents have earned a place in this remarkable line of public service. The current Select Board is now part of that enduring story.

LICENSING. One Day Liquor License. Motion to approve the request for the following One Day Liquor License(s) from:

- Pleon Yacht Club, 42 Foster Street, July 1, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Our Lady Star of the Sea, 85 Atlantic Avenue, Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Bubble Bar Boston, Abbot Hall, upper grounds, July 3, 2026, and July 4, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

subject to the following conditions:

- Delivery of and receipt by the Licensing Authority of the required fee (\$50 each).
- Delivery of and receipt by the Licensing Authority of Proof that the alcohol will be purchased from an authorized source.
- Proof that the applicant can receive proper delivery; provide proper storage and disposal of all alcoholic beverages purchased all in accordance with the requirements of G. L. c. 138.
- Alcohol will be purchased from Kappy's Importing and Distribution and Merrimack Valley Distributing Company.

Moved by Mr. Grader, seconded by Mr. Zisson. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Ms. Ferrante, in favor; Mr. Zisson, in favor; Ms. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Fox, in favor.

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 15, 2026, May 13, 2026, and May 21, 2026. All in favor.

HOLIDAY HOURS. Motion made and seconded to approve the following hours of operation for Abbot Hall and Mary A. Alley Building:

Juneteenth

- Monday, June 15, 2026 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 16, 2026 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 17, 2026 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Thursday, June 18, 2026 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Friday, June 19, 2026 CLOSED ALL DAY

4th of July

- Monday, June 29, 2026 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 30, 2026 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 1, 2026 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Thursday, July 2, 2026 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Friday, July 3, 2026 CLOSED ALL DAY.
Abbot Hall will remain open for Festival of Arts activities

All in favor.

PROCLAMATION. 60th Anniversary, Marblehead Festival of Arts. Motion made and seconded to prepare a proclamation in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Marblehead Festival of Arts. All in favor.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. Motion made and seconded to declare the following items as surplus and no longer needed for Municipal purpose so that it may be disposed of in accordance with the Town's policy on surplus equipment:

- HP Laser Jet 4250tn
- HP Color Laser Jet Enterprise M553

All in favor.

WATER AND SEWER RATE HEARING. The Water and Sewer Commission will hold their annual rate hearing on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at the Commission offices, 100 Tower Way, building #11 commencing at 7:00 p.m. All interested people are invited to attend.

SELECT BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Moses Grader thanked John Kelley for his 40 years of service on the Board of Assessors. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of appreciation to John Kelley. All in favor.

Select Board Retreat – The Chair asked that dates be sent out for the annual Select Board retreat and he will put an agenda item on the next meeting to discuss topics for the retreat.

Override. Board members spoke to the override results stating they understand it is a lot of money and do not take the results lightly and will continue to work towards

efficiencies and adhere to the MOU to provide transparency to the taxpayers. Under the conditions of the MOU, the Town Administrator will coordinate the 1st quarterly review with the Select Board Chair, Schools and Finance Committee Chairs for September with an update provided to the Select Board at a meeting after that review takes place. Board members thanked the CFO, Finance Committee and Schools for their collaboration.

Firefighters Memorial Service at Waterside Cemetery – Sunday, June 14, 2026.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.



Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide

List of documents used: TA Update / 1 day liquor requests, Pleon/SOS/Bubble Bar Boston, draft minutes, W& sewer rate hearing notification