

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM-TOWN HALL
7:30 P.M.

APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 06/11/18

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 8:13 PM by Chair Adam Dash. Chair Dash introduced Vice Chair Mark Paolillo and Selectmen Tom Caputo. All BOS were present and accounted for. Administrator Garvin was present for the meeting as well.

II. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closed on Monday for Patriots Day

III. COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

Tim Duncan of 699 Concord Ave and Cindy Mattis of 711 Concord Ave, Mike Santoro Assistant Director of the Department of Public Works, Glen Ryan Senior Project Manager with Shawmut Design Construction were present.

(Comment) Resident Duncan: Would ask the board to take a look into issues that were also raised at the Belmont Light Meeting prior to this meeting. Specifically wiring to the school property and (inaudible) on Concord Ave and whether or not underground wires were used on site. I think from the prior information that came out tonight, it's very clear there's a problem and this the problem that could last a while which is that we all live with the process and procedure that we have to live with regardless of if it turns out our way or not, but what we should not have to live and cannot live with is a lack of transparency in this process. There are very specific, I'm sure you know by now and I know the Attorney General know, very specific Open Legal Laws in this state and the town regarding those laws. You cannot have decisions made in a public forum where landscape plans were represented to the public discussed and debated. An agreement was made based on those plans and then somehow mysteriously later down the road the decision is reversed and plans mysteriously appear directly in opposition to the plans that were provided to the public without the opportunity for the public to comment. Knowing the contentiousness of the Belmont Day School Project everybody knows that if they had proposed overhead lights and overhead wiring it would have been strongly objected to. It can't be done somehow mysteriously after the public has had their chance to comment (inaudible) an official decision. I ask that you look into that. It makes no sense that it becomes a 10 day project rather than a 5 day project to do both the electric and plumbing at the same time. The Plumbers and Electricians can operate side-by-side. There's no need to extend to 10 days. It can all be done in 5 days and should be done in 5 days when everything has been decided. Thank you.

(Comment) Resident Mathis: I would just like to tell you that I was surprised last night when I noticed on the town website that Concord Avenue would be closed for 5 days for the Belmont Day School Project. I reached out to Belmont Day School because I was concerned about access to my property and I learned from them that residents will be allowed to travel on Concord Ave. However I feel that they have known about this for a long time and they could have notified neighbors earlier than 3 days in advanced that

they may have to close the road. I think that would have avoided some of the surprise and confusion amongst neighbors. I am concerned that the road is going to be closed for such a long time and I would also like to see the electrical wires, if that work is going to be underground, done at the same time as the sewer connection.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Any other public comment? Seeing none we will close that part of the meeting. Administrator Garvin, for those of you who were not here, the Light Board had a long discussion about this very issue regarding electrical matters however it's really the BOS' purview to deal with things like drainage and road openings.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: When we saw some of the emails come through today I reached out to the Public Works Director Mike Santoro to find out what went on and what was the process. During our discussions Mike had indicated to me, and Mike Santoro is here, that meetings were held sometime in January with French who is the subcontractor, the DPW, the Light Department, and the Police Department because there would be a closing of the road for a significant period of time. We ran it through the Police Department to get an approved plan so there was a plan in place for emergency vehicles and local access. That was approved from the Police Department. The next week was chosen due to the fact that it was vacation week and we were expecting a lower amount of traffic. We were preparing to, when we saw some of the emails come through, to use the electric board signs to start putting those up around town now that the trash meeting was over to let residents know that Concord Ave would be shut down for next week. The other thing we did was we were made aware that we had a website put up as well to notify the residents and the other thing is we coordinated with National Grid who is doing work on Clifton Ave that they would stop work during that time next week so there wouldn't be that part of the town having all that construction. That's kind of where we ended.

Today there was a little confusion as to the light pole and how that fit into it because we were really just dealing with the drainage issue. The DPW, myself were just dealing with the drainage and that that was why the road was being closed next week. It wasn't until later in the day that we realized that there was an additional issue with the light pole and what some of the residents have expressed here tonight.

(Question) Chair Dash: Is there anything the Mike Santoro needs to provide? Anything beyond that or any comment?

(Answer) Assistant Director Santoro: Just what Administrator Garvin said. I'll add a little more to that. This all started back in January on January 26th. I met with Shawmut, the General Contractor, and F.W. French, Belmont Municipal Light was present, Belmont PD and we started the planning for this job and we decided to do it the week of April vacation which we thought would be the best with Belmont Day School being out and Belmont Public Schools being out, traffic being lighter, no school buses being present. Then we also thought that I would ask National Grid not to work on Prospect and Clifton that way we would not tie up 2 major arteries in Belmont. So that way we thought it would be much better. Also I know there is some talk about possibly doing night work. My recommendation would not be to go with night work because there is a possibility when this job takes place up there the drainage work that they could come across some

ledge and you know as well as I do if they start to come across ledge and you start drilling at night you are going to have a lot of complaints not just from the residents on Concord Avenue it could even stretch farther in the neighborhood with noise complaints. So the recommendation is: I would much rather see this job go during the day. I'd like to see this work done during the week of vacation because I think it will cut back on a lot of complaints with the traffic. I did speak with the Police Chief this afternoon. He agrees also with this and again I've talked to the Sergeant in Traffic way back in January and he agreed with this also. I think if you don't start the drainage work and you try to combine the both jobs it's going to extend the time period where it could be 10-12 days and I'll be honest with you up in that area we are talking about there is no surge in the street. It all stops down by Sumner Lane and there's a reason for that I think. Probably in that street there is probably going to be some sort of ledge in that street. I don't know that for sure. I can't say that for sure, but all of our utilities, sewer and drain stop down near Sumner Lane so that tells me that that is for a reason. There is a force main that comes out of Somerset Street. It was put in by a private contractor. It comes down the sidewalk on the opposite side and runs down towards Sumner Lane and then picks up the sewer line from there down Concord Avenue. I'm not an expert on ledge maybe Alex could talk about ledge a little bit better than I could, but it's a problem if we come across it. I know there could be test fits on it but it's costly. Again if you are going to allow them to do night work it's going to be a noise complaint. I would recommend to maybe let them go ahead with the work next week. I think it will be better for the community, with the traffic and I think there will be less complaints that we will have to deal with and traffic.

(Question) Chair Dash: What do you think about the comment that they made about the 2 openings versus 1: one for the drain and one for the electrical and doing them both at the same time.

(Answer) Assistant Director Santoro: I think it becomes a safety issue. When you have two things going on at once it creates a safety issue. I haven't seen a lot of the plans but I don't know what the depth is going to be on the drainage so if they have to shore that. So if there is going to be a shoring box in there and if they are going to be able to do the

trenching for the conduit for the electrical. Two things at once sometimes creates a problem.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I guess what Sean was saying when we had the light board meeting was that they didn't feel comfortable doing two trenches at the same time.

(Comment) Assistant Director Santoro: Right and when you've got too many things going on at once it could create a problem. That's my opinion.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: This is scheduled to take place next week?

(Answer) Assistant Director Santoro: We are scheduled for Monday.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: I don't know how we can move forward with any sort of electrical digging. We have nothing.

(Comment) Chair Dash: We don't have a decision on this.

(Comment) Assistant Director Santoro: And the special circumstances for Monday since it's a holiday, the subcontractor F.W. French had to ask for special permission from the police chief which they have obtained from the chief.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: Was there a concern about notifications? How were residents notified?

(Answer) Assistant Director Santoro: The way that I was told the notifications were done through Shawmut and they put it on the website that they had created for the neighborhood. I don't know for sure.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: There weren't individual notifications sent to the residents?

(Answer) Assistant Director Santoro: It was supposedly on their website. We posted it on the town's website, the traffic plan on Tuesday. We put it on our website Tuesday.

(Comment) Manager Ryan: I am the senior project manager at Shawmut Design Construction and we are the design construction firm working on the Belmont Day School Project. Notifications are a big thing for us. It's something that we engaged in particularly with the planning board Spencer Gober and Glenn Clancy as we came onboard. There were some Planning Board requirements around notification related to the commencement of construction activities. That was a 3 day notification that we complied with. One of the other requirements from the planning board was that we establish a website with Belmont Day School and we ultimately determined that the website should be hosted on Belmont Day School's main site. That way the school has access to make updates regularly. We were then subsequently asked to do quarterly in-person meetings and the idea was that those minutes from the quarterly meetings would be included on the website. We have taken that quite a bit further in our 6 months on the job. We provide essentially weekly updates to Belmont Day School which they post on their website. That has been live since November when we mobilized on the project and that has been the basis for all of our notifications to neighbors whether that's work impacting them or simply status updates on the project. With respects to the specific drainage tie in we have done a lot. On February 26th we held our 3rd quarterly neighborhood meeting. There were many members of this audience in attendance there and we talked. This drainage

connection, we proposed it for April 16th at that time. There were several questions, one came from a particular resident, Dawn Levitt, about local access. We responded at that time. We did not have all of the approvals around detours done at that moment so we didn't make it official, but that was a discussion we had on February 26th. On the 1st of March we posted a look ahead on our website, the project website. So this is March 1st probably about 6 or so weeks ago noting that April 16th was the date that we were planning this work and as that was finalized we would make a subsequent notification. On the 26th of March the head of school notified Dawn Levitt who was the particular resident that was concerned. On the 4th of April we went to the Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill where this particular work was discussed with members of that community. On April 10th we notified the commissioners of the Cemetery Commission that we would be proceeding with this work. That was via email. We can provide that also on the 10th we notified Spencer Gober at the Office of Community Development via email. On the 10th we uploaded our notification to the project website which again was going to be the basis of communication with the neighborhood and subsequently the town uploaded both the detour plan and notification of the work to the Police Department's Facebook page and the town website. We really have talked extensively about this goal of limiting these kinds of concerns but also creating a space for people to reach out to us directly and share anything that they had concerns about the week.

(Comment) Chair Dash: It seems to me whether it's accurate or just a perception it seems to me there's been some miscommunication or deficiency in the notification and there's no real reason to shoot yourself in the foot if that is the case.

(Comment) Manager Ryan: Sure.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Whether you have done it or not done it, whether you've done the minimum that the Planning Board required or not, going above the minimum is better. You can always have more flair as they say.

(Comment) Manager Ryan: Sure. We are trying to do the right thing.

(Comment) Chair Dash: You can never over-notify. I do it in zoning cases in other communities. When it says 300 feet I go way beyond that because I don't want to hear it.

(Comment) Manager Ryan: One great advantage of this website is that it has all of our contact information and that actually has been quite useful for particular residents so if they have a question about what is happening literally onsite at that second or they hear a loud noise and have a concern.

(Question) Chair Dash: Can you state what the URL is?

(Answer) Manager Ryan: It's on Belmont Day School's website: Belmontday.org and then if you scroll down there's a large image that says construction updates and you click on that and it brings you to a page that provides status updates on a weekly basis, provides contact information for all of the key players myself included, the superintendent from Shawmut also, Carrato who is the Director of Operations. It provides in this case the detour plan is up there. It provides key people related to the engineering side and also some status updates.

(Question) Chair Dash: Is there a way to have more push notifications on that so that people don't have to log in? You know people could sign up.

(Answer) Manager Ryan: So nobody has to login. It's open, public.

(Question) Chair Dash: I don't mean login. Instead of going into it that it would send you a text or email some sort of listserv that you could be notified?

(Answer) Manager Ryan: If that's technically possible and the folks at Belmont Day School's IT Department know how to do that we'd be happy to.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I know that the Toll Brothers do that with the Bradford up in Cushing Square because I'm on their list and when they have something they just blast everybody with an email so I don't have to go and log in.

(Comment) Manager Ryan: From our perspective the more the merrier, but part of our goal here and the reason why we have in-person meetings and we've attended other public meetings and also the website was so that we layer that level of communication whether it's a public website or a phone call to me. We try to make ourselves available and this particular issue has been talked about extensively with the community.

(Question) Chair Dash: Any comments Patrice?

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: Just that they are going to need a decision to start because their plan is to start on Monday and the office doesn't reopen until Tuesday.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: If we delay decision then it's going to be a week in which there's more traffic and school in session so it almost seems like this is even though there are concerns about the residents and inadequate notifications notwithstanding what Manager Ryan just went through to do it any other week would be more disruptive with traffic and school in session and things of that nature.

(Comment) Chair Dash: The other thing is if we are trying to see whether the electricity goes underground or not we can't answer that question right now without Glenn (Clancy) so to say do them both now we don't have an answer for that so it almost seems a bit premature to say do that. As much as I would like to minimize the disruption and do it all at one time, I am concerned about the safety concerns not that the contractor and applicant are saying it but that the town is saying it as well for the same reason that the trenching is close to each other: one for water and one for electricity is a necessary thing to do.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: You've implied before that it would take another 5 days to trench for electrical?

(Answer) Manager Ryan: We've estimated those projects are both anywhere from 5 to 6 days.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: So we are going to see another closure because of that?

(Answer) Chair Dash: They are saying that could be 2 months away.

(Answer) Manager Ryan: Correct.

(Answer) Chair Dash: They aren't going to be back to back if they do them.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: I don't think that we are going to solve this electrical matter anytime soon and it could become a dispute because of the Day School's

Representative being somewhat contentious. I do agree with Alex Corbit that we should just move on and try to do the right thing and put it underground.

(Comment) Chair Dash: The Claflin Project has already been put on hold because of this.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: With all due respect to the neighborhood at this point, I thought it was our notification.

(Comment) Chair Dash: No it's not our notification.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: It seems to me that the optimum week if we have to do it to do it next week notwithstanding the concerns of the residents that it's going to be disruptive. I think it would be even more disruptive on another week

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: I agree. It sounds like there is meaningful resident concern and it sounds like the notification while steps were taken to comply clearly more is wanted by the community.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: What we should be asking the Day School is to at least try to understand perhaps the impact of having the wire overhead and the pole has on the neighborhood and should try to determine what the cost would be. I don't know how significant it could be. If it's not all that significant then why not do that in a sort of good faith effort to mend fences with the neighborhood? At this point I think it makes sense to move forward next week.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Over-notification will never get you in trouble. That has been my experience. I would certainly say that the neighborhood knows about it now.

(Comment) Resident Mattis: I don't know if all the neighbors know about it.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I did close that portion of the hearing and we did hear from you during the Light Board.

(Comment) Resident Mattis: Since you were discussing the issue of notification, so I...

(Comment) Manager Ryan: I'm happy to stay here at the meeting.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Maybe if you want to talk to them out in the hallway or something. I think we get it and I hear what everyone is saying.

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: It's more disruptive.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: How much police detail do we have?

(Answer) Manager Ryan: We have 2 police details so 1 on each end.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: That's so important especially if there is emergency access and also for local access. The other issue is and certainly we can let the police chief know that when we were doing that on Common Street it wasn't so much of a concern that Common Street closed although that created some inconvenience it's that when you detour cars they end up speeding down the side streets so we should certainly let the Police Chief know and he's full-well aware of it. I've expressed that point to him that when cars are detoured we are enforcing the speed limit. One other point that I would make though is that sometimes all of the notifications that you went through can work and maybe they don't work. All of the push notifications, but there are situations where we have had 1 or 2 residents that can be the point person. Because we live in a digital age

and everyone has email, isn't there another way to notify? If one of the neighbors said to you notify us and we will make sure it scatters to everyone else.

(Answer) Manager Ryan: We have no objections to any way the Town Selectmen or the neighbors and any recommendation that they have.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: Working with the neighborhood and notifying some of the residents via email maybe 1 or 2 without placing too much burden on the company and then they can notify everyone else.

(Comment) Manager Ryan: It wouldn't be a burden on the company. If the neighborhood wants to elect a public representative.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Administrator Garvin could just put it on the website that would be good so we'd be fine.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: We'll put it up.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Thanks guys.

Chair Dash noted that the meeting was running an hour behind schedule, but items would continue to be addressed as they appear on the agenda. Documents discussed during the meeting were available to residents on the town website on the BOS page.

II. ACTION BY CONSENT

7:30 P.M. Discussion and Vote on Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule for School Debt Exclusion

Pat Brusch the Chair of the Belmont High School Building Committee was present.

Administrator Garvin explained that the due date for debt exclusion language is August 1st. Therefore they need to review the BOS schedule to select the best days to put debt exclusion language on the agenda and coordinate any related discussions that need to be had before August 1st.

(Question) Chair Dash: When are we going to have language to look at or is there no magic to the language?

(Answer) Chair Brusch: The language is actually written by the state. I have the language. It will be sent to town council to approve it. It's 2 sentences long maybe it's 1 sentence long. I actually have it right here. 1 copy, but it says "Shall the town (of Belmont) be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Propositions 2 and ½ so called the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to rebuild Belmont High School. Basically that's it. There's no dollar amount.

(Question) Chair Dash: There's no dollar amount so is there any reason we have to put off doing that?

(Question) Chair Bruce: You don't want to do it tonight?

(Answer) Chair Dash: No, it's not on our agenda anyway.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: I think when it first came up there was some discussion of having additional I don't want to say hearings, but meetings to discuss it with the board and you wanted to do that around the time that you approved the language.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: I think that being informed in terms of their overall project even though we do have Selectman Caputo serving as a liaison would be helpful as a member of the High School Building Committee.

(Comment) Chair Dash: And I was on it for the last year.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: In terms of as you move towards some final decisions, potential costs. That's just an opportunity Ms. Brusch as you know the more information that we share with you the better off we will be here on this and then we can at that point vote for the debt exclusion.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I would say probably after Town Meeting. They have a June 18th meeting.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: That's fine.

(Question) Selectmen Caputo: When do we get MSBA approval? We can't proceed until the MSBA has signed off on...

(Answer) Chair Brusch: That is not exactly the case. We cannot proceed with the vote by the citizens. Because this is a state election that we are requesting that you put this on there's a state requirement that you go to either the Secretary of State or the Attorney General before August 1st. We will not have the approval from MSBA, their ward, until the end of August. I believe the date is the 29th.

(Question) Selectmen Caputo: So we can make this language conditional on MSBA?

(Answer) Chair Brusch: You can't. Once it goes to the state it will be on the ballot whether or not we have MSBA approval and the citizens will be voting on it. The citizens could vote on a debt exclusion even before and there are towns that don't have to do debt exclusion for these things and they approve the money or the concept for the whole thing before it actually happens. The MSBA is aware of this happening in this order. We will know in July what their tendency is going to be. We will not have the formal vote before the last week of August.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: Are you saying that we should wait until sometime in July?

(Answer) Chair Dash: I think we can take it up on June 18th and we'll see where we are. We can have the conversation.

(Answer) Chair Brusch: Exactly.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Why don't we put it on the agenda for June 18th if we are clear because we are going to get bogged down with Town Meeting?

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: I agree with you.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: Right.

(Comment) Chair Dash: This also raises another question Administrator Garvin and I were at the Warrant Committee the other night and we haven't voted on the warrant articles yet and since this meeting had to get moved from April 23rd to tonight we don't

meet again until 5:00pm before the first session of Town Meeting on April 30th. We could either take up the, obviously segment A is the smaller portion. We don't have to deal with segment B and the budget items yet, but we might want to think about whether we want to add a meeting between now and April 30th to take up the items. We already have a lot of things going on that April 30th at 5:00pm agenda because the warrant articles with the plastic bag ban, 5 Selectmen, marijuana, just a couple of small things. If you could take a look at your calendars it could be a day meeting. I'm not thrilled with doing a day meeting because people can't attend as well, but I also understand that it's a little tricky because of the holiday.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: 23rd?

(Answer) Chair Dash: The 23rd is League of Women Voters Forum.

(Answer) Selectmen Caputo: I'm actually out of the country the whole week.

(Question) Chair Dash: Well there you go. We could do something the 17th if you are around?

(Answer) Vice Chair Paolillo: I'm not around.

(Question) Administrator Garvin: When are you around next week?

(Answer) Vice Chair Paolillo: Not at all.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Well that makes it easy. I'll be the only one here. It could be with myself.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: The only way we could consider, we could do an early morning on the 30th.

(Comment) Chair Dash: To be honest I'd rather do a 4:00pm on the 30th than do the morning if we are already meeting. I think that's why we had this problem and why we moved it today is because everybody is off a different week.

(Question) Administrator Garvin: I think the goal though is to get it on camera right?

(Answer) Chair Dash: Well that's the problem with meeting at the high school on the day of the Town Meeting is that all of the cameras are setup in the auditorium.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: That's why I was thinking about the morning on the 30th.

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: The morning on the 30th unfortunately is the High School Building Committee although that one is just a PR Subcommittee. I can probably skip that.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Skip it. Come play hooky with us.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: I think we do need to meet in the morning on the 30th.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: We can make that the one agenda item.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Well it would be. The one agenda item would be segment A, Town Meeting articles.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: Just meet here then and have it on camera.

(Comment) Chair Dash: That works.

(Question) Chair Dash: So what time are we talking about?

(Answer) Selectmen Caputo: 8:00?

(Comment) Chair Dash: 8:00 works.

Chair Dash explained that the BOS would be meeting on April, 30th at 8:00 AM in the Selectmen's Room regarding segment A Town Meeting articles. The BOS would also be meeting 5:00 PM at the High School in the Conference Room next to the Principal's office prior to Town Meeting to address a number of other issues and any amendments that might arise.

7:40 P.M. Introductions of new Facilities Director, Steve Dorrance

Steve Dorrance Facilities Director was present.

Administrator Garvin explained that a subcommittee interviewed a number of candidates after which Superintendent Fallon, Administrator Garvin, and Human Resource Director Porter interviewed 4 finalists before selecting Director Dorrance. Director Dorrance had been working as the Facilities Manager in state hospitals for the past 4 years.

Director Dorrance added that he was the Bureau Director for Facilities at the 4 DPH hospitals which consisted of a few million square feet of space spanning 45 buildings and a few acres of parking. He has been a member of the Trust for Historic Preservation for 20 years and appreciates the character of Belmont.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: There's a lot of work that needs to be done. We appreciate the fact that you are joining us.

(Comment) Director Dorrance: I hear that and I'm looking forward to the challenge.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Thank you so much and we will be seeing you.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: Director Dorrance starts April 30th. So just a couple of weeks.

(Question) Selectmen Caputo: And you'll be supporting not only the town's infrastructure but also the school's infrastructure as well?

(Answer) Director Dorrance: Yes.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Yes, they are combined. This position is a joint hire between the School Superintendent and the Town Administrator.

7:50 P.M. Discussion related to the Financial Task Force

Vice Chair Paolillo said that he had been thinking about whether the town needs a Financial Task Force when a broader discussion of financial issues in town needs to be had. He wondered whether it would be helpful to appoint a financial task force chaired by a Selectmen and attended by stakeholders. By having a separate broader task force with a Selectmen present the Selectmen could then summarize for the BOS financial issues as they arise like debt exclusion, and building projects.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I think we need to have the Collins Center results because they are going to help inform that Task Force does I think.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: Or a Financial Task Force II working group with a Chair or whomever from the WC and someone from Capital Budget. This is so critical. We can think about how large we want it to be. Almost like a working group. I'd be an outgrowth of what we did in the Financial Task Force with representatives like before, but not the robust task force that we had with the hundreds of hours in subcommittee work. This would be more focused on the immediate concerns from a financial perspective in conjunction with the Collins Group as well.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: I met with Steve Cirillo today and the Collins Group and we are actually going to bring the financial forecast model to you on May 22nd. Hopefully the Warrant Committee will be able to join you as well. I think the model is a great jumping point for the task force because its decisions that have to be decided and made and how the town wants to move forward based on some of that model and some of what we are seeing being generated from it. It should be a good discussion on the 22nd.

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: I echo that. I'm very supportive of that initiative. I think it's too critical for the 3 of us not to be a part of more discussions. I'm willing to dedicate the time and Chair Dash I'm sort of roping you in as well.

(Comment) Chair Dash: What else do I have to do anyway.

(Question) Selectmen Caputo: I think it's worth noting to look at the working groups at the last Financial Task Force which I thought were rather effective. I think we have projects already underway to tackle a few of those. The financial projections we have the Collins Group already underway which is great and we will be able to report out. Capital Projects, we have a Capital Projects working group already underway there so I think that there are already a few of these project already in the works and we can tap into that work that's been done. It's probably worth us looking through and figuring it out around education and perhaps town government. Are there some other additional projects that we would like to get going?

(Answer) Vice Chair Paolillo: I think at town government that's the one area, and I've said publicly, that there are some recommendations that we've laid out there in the report and I don't think we fully executed on them.

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: I think that's right. So far it's worth revisiting those. I do think there's a good deal of work that is already underway that maybe this effort can bring together, culminate, and help to synthesize.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I think it's great and feel as Administrator Garvin has told us as we see a possible deficit coming in future years we should be using the time wisely to address these issues.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: I say we can benefit from all the good work that was done by the members of the task forces. A lot of the residents paid attention. We got a lot

of press. It just enhances communication to the residents of our community to our financial issues.

(Question) Chair Dash: Are we thinking 13 members like before or something small?

(Answer) Vice Chair Paolillo: I think that's probably too large. We can think about it some more, but I think that's probably too large. I think we need to certainly involve the other stakeholders: schools, Capital Budget, WC, and Town Treasurer. We can think about it.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Maybe we all 4 think about it and on May 22nd after we get the Collins Center model something will strike us.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: We might get to a larger group than I'm thinking today, but the reason that we had such a large team was because we had so much work to do and we worked in subcommittees. I'm looking at this as perhaps one in which we just convene a day group.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Agreed. I think that's the way to go.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: The Collins Center will be providing some recommendations I believe as well.

(Comment) Chair Dash: This is good. We need to do this. Thank you Vice Chair Paolillo. Thank you for bringing it up.

8:00 P.M. Discussion of landfill post-closure use next steps

Administrator Garvin said that in anticipation of the town article to take \$770,000 out of the landfill stabilization fund to demolish the building that is onsite a conversation needed to be had in preparation for questions about post-closure use of the space. There has been discussion in the community about what could go there. Administrator Garvin and Vice Chair Paolillo have had conversations with stakeholders about possible projects that could go there. Administrator Garvin wanted to get a sense of what the board thinks.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I think we need to open it up to the public and certainly I don't know about you guys but I have had people come to office hours with everything from solar farm, skate park, dog park, skating rink. I mean the Police Department has kind of fallen off a bit, but there have been a lot of ideas and all of them have been really clever and all of them are really good but we can only do so much on that site of land. If we are going to do some of it, but we aren't going to do all of it and some people aren't going to get their way, but it would be good if we had a public meeting like we did with trash to bring everybody in. We do have a ticking clock on this now that we took title. We do have to actually do something and we have to cap it and we need to know what the post-closure use is to determine the appropriate cap and that's just a decision we have to make. We will get public input, we will make the decision, we'll make the cap, and we'll move forward.

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: I think there also elements of a ticking clock because there may be some formal dependencies or loose dependencies regarding the High School Project because the ice rink is there as opposed to another location that impacts the site design.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: There absolutely is Selectmen Caputo. Just to let both of you know we have met and discussed could a skating rink work there and a skating rink the proponents of which or sponsor is the Belmont Youth Hockey Association. Administrator Garvin and I met with Glenn (Clancy) and others to talk about that and it does align with what we are going to do with the site at the High School so it's almost like we have start thinking about this sooner rather than later. The skating rink could work. We haven't fully fleshed that out. There are legal matters to consider. Is there peninsula use and also whether it's one rink, a rink and a half, or is it two and will that financially still work based on the modeling that the Belmont Youth Hockey Association has done?

(Answer) Chair Dash: Well we will have to bring them or have them come to this meeting.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: We could flesh it out separately and then bring it to the board and have that as a presentation for possible use.

(Comment) Chair Dash: If we come up with the time and date of the meeting we could announce it at town meeting as well.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: The last piece is cost to cap it. That's going to be a considerable cost. We don't have a final number on that. We do have some money at stabilization account after we take out \$770,000 but we might be a little short. So that's going to have to be a discussion as well because if you use all the money to cap it you won't have any money to do a recreational type (project).

(Comment) Chair Dash: The requirement that we have with the state is that we have to cap it by a certain point to prevent the water from going through the contaminated ash and into the Charles River Watershed so once we've capped it we've met our legal obligation. What we then build on top of that is whatever we decide to do. There's no particular deadline to do that except that a cap will have been designed to accommodate whatever that post-closure use was so we have to make the decision even though that

might not get built right away with the high school and other things. We do have to do a cap by a certain deadline and we've been squirreling away money for that.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: Yes.

(Question) Selectmen Caputo: Just to be clear, would the cap design be dependent on the future use?

(Answer) Chair Dash: Could be because if you are building a foundation then you are cutting into it and also it's very different.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: You have to understand post-closure use in order to cap it.

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: We wouldn't want to squander money on anything that we would have to undo.

(Comment) Chair Dash: That's right. That's why, rather than cap it and then make the decision on what the post-closure use, we should make this decision on post-closure use first and then cap it.

(Question) Administrator Garvin: Did you maybe want to do that on your June 18th meeting?

(Answer) Chair Dash: I was thinking to do it in June. Yes. Invite the public, have it in the auditorium, and we could have a forum. I think to publicize that would be great because I don't want to get too far into the Summer and people are not around. I don't want to get into that. We also can't just delay this until the Fall because we really need to move along so our agenda for the 18th is taking shape. If you could post that for the auditorium just in case we get a crowd.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: Sure.

(Question) Selectmen Caputo: So are we looking for ideas at that point or are we looking for proposals from groups that have well-formed ideas?

(Answer) Chair Dash: I think all of it.

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: It would be nice if we already have groups that have ideas to have them either presenting or have a forum to put forward a well-formed idea.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: Get the conversation started.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I say anybody watching who has an idea for post-closure use to put it together and attend the forum.

The BOS noted that the documents that they were reviewing were not current. They were from when Andy Rojas was the Chair 4 or 5 years ago which was before the town had the property title.

8:05 P.M. Discussion related to installation of power plugs for the Farmer's Market in the Claflin Lot for the 2018 season

Hall Shubin Chair of the Farmer's Market was present.

Chair Dash stated that this conversation would be a continuation of a discussion had at the Light Board meeting earlier that same evening. Chair Dash summarized the issue that the Farmer's Market uses generators powered by gasoline because there are no electrical outlets. To use the generators, wires are strewn everywhere. The generators make unpleasant noise, and sometimes smoke as well. Because there are utility poles which light the Claflin Street parking lot, Belmont Light plans to put a plug there so that the Farmer's Market can plug in and use the electricity. There will be a meter on it and it will be locked so that the Farmer's Market has exclusive access. Belmont Light would put the plug up for the season, take it down, and then put it back up for the next season and so on.

(Question) Chair Dash: So any comment on that?

(Answer) Chair Hal Shubin: No, we appreciate the discussion from the previous meeting and just glad to be here to talk about it.

(Comment) Chair Dash: The Light Board had to bring it up because it was an issue of the Light Department installing the (outlet) and we voted as the Light Board to install the plug in the pole there. However this is on the Claflin Street lot which the BOS have the authority over so we will need a motion from the BOS to do the same thing.

Selectmen Caputo moved that Belmont Light be allowed to install a power plug for the Farmer's Market in the Claflin lot for 2018 and future seasons. Vice Chair Paolillo seconded the motion. The BOS voted unanimously in favor of the motion. (09:00 PM)

8:10 P.M. Discussion and Vote of request to place handicapped parking sign at 67 Pine Street

Administrator Garvin explained that they received a request from a resident requesting a handicap spot in front of their house. Sergeant Mailhot was communicating with that resident, communicating to them the steps they would need to take to obtain that. One of the required steps is writing a letter to the BOS who would need to vote approval of the sign.

(Comment) Chair Dash: It's a terrible story what happened. I'm for it. It's well-deserved.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: I'm fine with it.

Vice Chair Paolillo moved to approve the placement of a handicapped parking sign at 67 Pine Street. Selectmen Caputo seconded the motion. The BOS voted unanimously in favor of the motion. (09:02 PM)

8:20 P.M. Approval of Proclamation to declare Friday, April 27, 2018 to be Arbor Day in the Town of Belmont

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(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: I don't believe we have a representative.

(Comment) Administrator Garvin: No, It came on last minute. We wanted to get it on because of Arbor Day.

(Comment) Chair Dash: We moved our meeting and now this falls before April 27th.

Selectmen Caputo read the following proclamation:

"Whereas the citizens of Belmont takes great pride in their trees and appreciate their measurable value to the environment and whereas 2017 will be the 33rd year that Belmont has been awarded recognition as a tree city USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and whereas trees and forests are renewable natural resources which provide us with the timber for construction and furniture, paper and chemical products, electrical energy, fire for our hearths, recreation and respite and whereas trees and forests in Belmont reduce energy demands for heating and cooling, moderate the temperature, clean the air, remove carbon dioxide from the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, and whereas trees in Belmont increase property value, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community and improve our quality of life and whereas trees wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal. Now therefore we the BOS declare Friday April 27th, 2018 to be Arbor Day in the town of Belmont. We urge the town's employees, civic organizations, clubs, businesses, and schools to join in a concerted effort to plant trees throughout the community on their properties to protect and care for our trees and woodlands and to join in observances and celebration of Arbor Day in Belmont." (09:04 PM)

Chair Dash inquired about whether the Elementary Schools would be participating in Arbor Day activities such as planting trees. Administrator Garvin responded that she would find out and inform the BOS of whether the school would like for them to attend their festivities and help out.

8:25 P.M. Vote to approve the Housing Trust Housing Production Plan

Charles Clark Chair of the Planning Board and Planning Board Representative for the Housing Trust, Rachel Heller Member of the Housing Trust, Jeffery Wheeler Liaison for the Planning Board and the Housing Trust, Gloria Leipzig Co-Chair of the Housing Trust, Judy Feins Co-Chair of the Housing Trust, and Judy Singler Member of the Housing Trust were present.

(Question) Chair Dash: Good evening all. Who wants to start off with what we are doing with the housing production? Chair Clark can you tell us about the housing production plan and what the Planning Board and Housing Trust did?

(Answer) Chair Clark: Sure. I was commenting earlier this evening to Gloria that I remember back in 2013 when I was a member of the Planning Board I was the Liaison at that time and we were talking about the housing production plan at that time. When I became Chair this fall of the Planning Board one of the things that I thought was important was that we needed to address the issue of housing and before the Housing Trust had reformulated the plan that they had done several years before they updated the information to change the focus I worked with them on some suggestions from the

Planning Board and some direction and they took the reins and produced the plan. At this point we brought that to the Planning Board. We discussed it twice I believe and we voted unanimously to approve it.

(Question) Chair Dash: Excellent. So who is the spokesperson for the Housing Trust on this?

(Answer) Co-Chair Leipzig: We have a Powerpoint presentation. It's in front of you.

Due to technical difficulties the Housing Trust's Powerpoint presentation was unable to be displayed during the BOS meeting. The slides were posted on the town's website and copies of the presentation were provided to meeting attendees.

(Question) Chair Dash: So can you tell the public what we are doing with this and why we should do it?

(Answer) Co-Chair Feins: So the Housing Production Plan is a document that the state has defined as the way that towns and cities can shape their future as far as developing community or affordable housing and it's an important step in determining what we want to do and how we are going to do it and how we are going to meet the considerable amount of housing need in our community both for the seniors in our population and for the families in our population. We were pretty surprised and you may be too to see how disproportionate the amount of need is relative to the affordable housing that we have currently and also to see how many people are cost-burdened that is to say paying more than 30% of their income for rent or for their home ownership expenses. We did as Chair Clark said go through a considerable data analysis process with MetroWest collaborative developers who are our partner in this work and did the analysis to show how much that need exists and then started to really work on what kinds of strategies could be developed and with the input from the Planning Board recently I'm going to just for the sake of time jump right to the slide 9 or page 9 here. Do you just want to talk through what we changed in the most recent version? Selectmen Caputo we should apologize because Chair Dash and Vice Chair Paolillo heard the whole thing before.

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: I was actually in the audience at the time so I heard it.

(Question) Chair Dash: Which slide is this?

(Answer) Co-Chair Fines: 9, Revisions and Response to Planning Board Review.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: Can you explain that? So we approve a Housing Production Plan?

(Answer) Co-Chair Feins: We have a Housing Production Plan. It goes to the state. They certify it and need to start to make progress and we have some pretty concrete ways that we can begin to make progress.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: The one year safe harbor? What does that provide?

(Answer) Co-Chair Feins: Should there be an unfriendly 40b proposal it provides a way of holding it off.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: I see. The one year thing?

(Answer) Co-Chair Feins: Well, if we decide to move forward it continues to do that.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: I see. Oh it does?

(Answer) Co-Chair Feins: Yes.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: So for 337 units and 74 we need?

(Answer) Co-Chair Feins: Yes.

(Question) Chair Dash: Can you explain how this leverages the additional funding?

(Answer) Co-Chair Fines: Yes, so there is a pair of new programs that the state has just announced and this funding one is called Housing Choice Initiative and you can become a housing choice community and the other is called the Planning for Housing Production. The Planning for Housing Production expects you to have a really concrete project already in the development process. So we are not ready for that one, but the Housing Choice Initiative we seem to be ready for and if you do approve the plan tonight then we submit it to the state and we think that we can put in that application. We've been starting to work with Patrice and Jeffrey to put it together and it's a considerable amount of money.

(Comment) Liaison Jeffrey Wheeler: It also opens up doors to other Public Works projects. I don't know if you remember we tried to get some state funding for the Reconstruction of Belmont Center and because there was no Housing Production Plan we got negative points to scoring to determining did we rise to the level of being, of securing the grant. This will also provide the opportunity because it's not just Housing Production Plan it's housing goals. It's housing opportunities and looks at the data and what you can do to solve the problems and so other states use it as a tool, a way of making sure you are doing your fair share and as I said the DPW grant was the one I was referring to, but it often comes up when we are applying for other programs and grants. What are you doing about housing? This will be well here you go.

(Comment) Member Heller: Right and I'll just add we have a significant housing shortage in Massachusetts and so the Governor has really put a lot of emphasis on communities stepping up and that's where this new program comes from. Mass Housing has their program. There are a lot of efforts around the state to encourage communities like Belmont that are along train lines, near multiple job centers to be producing more homes and more affordable homes.

(Comment) Chair Dash: These are laudable goals and it also leverages additional funding from the state and long overdue in my opinion.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: I think your report is terrific and thank you for your work. Who now owns this and takes responsibility for moving this forward? You had a lot of strategies and ideas about how we move the discussion forward, things that we can do within our community. So 337 units and in fact the Royal Belmont had 298 notwithstanding that a lot of folks in the community didn't want the applicable development, but it did help us in terms of the numbers. When you see that you say well okay I guess there's some benefit here.

(Answer) Co-Chair Feins: I might just add that as much as the Chapter 40b has a reputation in terms of developing, what kind of development it brings...

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: It did provide for affordable units

(Comment) Co-Chair Feins: And all the units count towards the goal. Doesn't meet the need, but it counts towards the goal.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: I didn't know that until I read the report. Who then has responsibility for moving this forward?

(Answer) Co-Chair Feins: It seems to me that we with the Planning Board directly have the responsibility.

(Comment) Co-Chair Leipzig: I'm sorry some of this spills into zoning. Some of the things that we can make progress we can make around zoning. That would get us, trying to encourage...

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: But some aspects of what you've said, some of the strategies I think might involve development of vacant lots. You mention Pure Coat and some other things in the report that I would think the board would somehow be involved in.

(Answer) Chair Dash: Well yes. We would like to be involved

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: That's what I'm saying. We would need to be. This is part of a collaborative discussion of sort of how to move forward.

(Comment) Chair Dash: It's a town plan.

(Comment) Co-Chair Leipzig: One of the things about having it, a Housing Production Plan, for the community is that it's a clear symbol that the town is ready to commit to development of affordable housing and that we and in all of our different capacities will be working together to find ways to stimulate that housing production.

(Comment) Member Heller: I would add it is definitely a community process and it shows that we are all working together for it. The request that the Trust has for CPA funds is key to all of this to give the Housing Trust the tools to be able to work with a developer if a proposal is coming so that we can leverage additional state dollars, get more affordable homes out of it, so that's what the Trust can bring to the table. Obviously the Planning Board will work on where we are actually going to make these homes happen or the BOS and the community. Everybody is involved. Town meeting. That's really one of the reasons why we have that CPA proposal out right now too so that the Trust can proactively seek out opportunities.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: We had an article at town meeting 3 or 4 years ago was it a CPA request?

(Answer) Co-Chair Leipzig: For first time home buyers.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: I'm not sure how effective that was. It just ensure that there's housing around the community. Having grown up in East Cambridge we used to say that's where the "Projects" are. So to me affordable housing means affordable within the community.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Right and that proposal didn't work but this is another way to get at the problem and probably more productive more realistic fashion.

(Comment) Co-Chair Feins: The agreement that will be worked out that we will bring to Town Meeting to show how the funding will be used will be an agreement between the Housing Trust and the BOS. So your role will be really direct in how that money gets used.

(Question) Chair Dash: I hope so. The issue is near and dear to my heart. I appreciate the work that all of you did. I went to the meetings that the Housing Trust had even before I was elected working on this and the Housing Trust put this together and then the Planning Board took it up, had hearings and passed it. Now it's in our lap. If we pass it then it goes to the state, they approve it and we are good to go. Any comments?

(Comment) Selectmen Caputo: No, it's great work and I'm very pleased to see that we are at this state in the process.

(Comment) Co-Chair Feins: So are we all.

(Question) Chair Dash: Any members of the public wishing to speak on this issue?

(Comment) Resident Bonnie Freeman: We are excited.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I'll take that.

(Comment) Co-Chair Feins: We should add that we worked a lot with the League of Women Voters on the process and so on and they've been a wonderful partner as well.

(Comment) Chair Dash: You've done a lot of good work. The meetings that I went to were very well-attended. The Chair would be very proud to entertain a motion on this.

(Comment) Co-Chair Feins: They were.

Vice Chair Paolillo moved to approve the Housing Trust's Housing Production Plan. Selectmen Caputo seconded the motion. The BOS voted unanimously in favor of the motion. (09:17 PM)

8:35 P.M. Update and Discussion of the Planning Board's Work with the Planning Board Chairman

Chair Dash summarized for the public that the following discussion would entail meeting with various committees to get updates about what is going on, what has the committee been doing, what have they been working on, and what should the BOS be aware of. No particular format has been assigned to this portion of the meeting.

(Comment) Chair Clark: First, I have to say that I am very pleased that we were able to work with the Housing Trust and get the Housing Production Plan passed and to the BOS and I thank you for approving it.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Thank you for moving it forward as you did.

(Comment) Chair Clark: I think it's an important issue and I remember one of the issues that we were talking about when we had the change in the Planning Board back in the fall we had additional members that were added to the board. One of the things that we talked about was moving forward and putting more planning into the Planning Board and so we have begun to do that. I think that the first thing that is coming out of that is the Housing Production Plan and that's a place where the Housing Trust, BOS, and the town work on this, but the Planning Board will have a very strong hand in this. We

liaison with them. I know them. I know people who work in affordable housing and I think it's important and I think we need to move forward on it and we need to figure strategies out so we will work with them on that. One of the things that we have been doing and in a moment I'll tell you what we are going to do for town meeting is that Faye Dawn and Sandy Sanderson have been looking at South Pleasant Street and Waverly Square from a planning point of view. One of the things that as I recall Vice Chair Paolillo was talking about the Fiscal Task Force Group and I was part of that and my part of that ended up in the report was brief but it was about South Pleasant Street. We've been trying to redevelop South Pleasant Street and increase the vitality of Waverly Square for as long as I've been on the Planning Board.

(Comment) Liaison Jeffery Wheeler: Since 1996.

(Comment) Chair Clark: I haven't been on the Planning Board that long but Liaison Jeffery has and there has been a number of reports and studies that have been done but we still see the same kinds of things over there. I think that we are beginning to look at possibilities that are a little different kind of possibilities than have been looked at before. So we are just still talking about that and so hopefully we will be able to make some changes coming forward that might be able to encourage development.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: How do you construct looking at this in a broader way? Do you meet with a developer? Do you have people present ideas to you? I'm not suggesting that you have a bunch of developers come in. How do you further flush out the need for revitalizing Waverly Square and in addition South Pleasant Street?

(Answer) Chair Clark: Are there constraints on development? We are beginning to look at what are the constraints in terms of zoning there and a lot of its parking. There are issues of size, issues of plottage, assembling sites. They are beginning to look at that because you can say you want more retail. Well how do you use your zoning and planning skills to encourage those things? The other thing that is happening in Waverly Square is that we will see, in Waverly Square in particular, we will see Joe DeStephano will have a project coming out of the ground. That will be 2 mixed use buildings. They are going to be retail on the first floor and they'll have 10 units each on the floors above that in the kind parcel. We are also on South Pleasant Street. There are as you know the owners of the property in that area have been in discussions and talking amongst themselves for the last several years about potential developments of some of those sites. We anticipate at some point, we don't know when, that one or more of those developers/owners will come to us with some proposals. One of the things that we are doing at this point is when we look at the zoning that is over there which is a relatively restricted zoning. It's the LB2. We are looking at what might be the possibilities that would encourage and enable additional development in that place.

(Question) Selectmen Caputo: Do you do that proactively or do you do it in response to a developer with an idea or a project?

(Answer) Chair Clark: I think if you take a look at typically the way a lot of development happen, you take a look at a Boston and these other areas, if you have a place where you haven't been able to get development to go forward and your seeing demand that's coming then you respond to the demand and this is a relatively small geographic area and I suspect we will get a sense of what the demand will be coming out

of that and we will respond to that. It's different than if you are going to zone Trapelo Road Corridor which is a different kind of thing. So I think this will be very specific in terms of that. So that's what we are doing from a planning point of view and I think that's important. I think that's important. It lays the groundwork for us being able to respond and maybe being able to make some changes and that's also in terms of the Housing Trust. We have issues with the Housing Trust in terms of talking about maybe what might be built in Waverly Square. Those are moving forward. The other important things that we have is we have a lot of discussion as Liaison Jeffery Wheeler knows with community about the general residence zoning which was passed in 2014 and amended in 2015. One of the most important parts of that is the amendment that said that all new construction of single family and 2 family homes in the general residence district is by special permit which basically means that if you want to build a new single family house or 2 family house in a general residence district not only do you have to comply with all the zoning regulations which are in place but you basically have to test it with the Planning Board in terms of how well does it fit with the community and this is an important part. This is the part that sunset. So what this basically does is this ensure that any new development that gets built in the general residence district has an open and public hearing and design and site plan review as part of the special permit process which is open to the public conducted by the Planning Board. We've had a number of cases that have come before us that we will show you in Town Meeting. We think that the results of this process when you compare what happened before are positive.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Yes, I agree with you. That's what I heard. I know there are 2 articles on the warrant one of which is to get rid of the sunset provision and the second is to tweak it to do what you are describing to fix some of the issues and send some of the smaller issues over to the Zoning Board of Appeals to free you up for planning as you were saying. At 8:00 AM on April 30th we are going to be voting on segment A at Town Meeting.

(Comment) Chair Clark: I won't be able to go.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Well maybe Liaison Jeffery Wheeler can handle it instead. Someone should probably come to walk us through that.

(Comment) Liaison Jeffery Wheeler: I'll go to walk you through that.

(Comment) Chair Clark: The 3rd thing that we are up to at Town Meeting is the moratorium on the recreational marijuana.

(Comment) Chair Dash: The moratorium on marijuana that would extend it to the maximum allowed by law which would be December 31.

(Comment) Chair Clark: Yes, I suspect we will be able to get zoning in place that will be able to come to Town Meeting in the fall.

(Question) Vice Chair Paolillo: And through that process extensive public meetings? I mean this is a really important issue for our community.

(Answer) Liaison Jeffery: Yes, this is one of the main reasons why the board is suggesting moratorium because there is a significant amount of education that needs to occur and meetings that need to occur and engagement with the town about what do they want to see. Nobody has an idea? So let's flesh those out.

(Comment) Chair Clark: And it was clear that, we had some preliminary public meetings that it wasn't clear what the Commonwealth was going to have in place, but also that being the case and you're trying to talk to people about what we are proposing in terms of zoning it doesn't work. So those are the kinds of things that are happening in terms of the Planning Board. I think it's an exciting time and I think we have moved forward on some issues.

(Comment) Chair Dash: You all have done a lot of work in the last year for sure.

(Answer) Liaison Jeffery Wheeler: And Cushing Square continues to be on our agenda.

(Comment) Chair Clark: Yes and the Bradford we did approve for the building permit for the phase of the building permit. We have some things with Affordable Housing that we need to take care of but you are going to see the frame. I think the sooner that that gets done and everything is checked as it goes along and make sure that they are doing it right I think the sooner that gets better for everybody.

(Comment) Chair Dash: I think the merchants and the residents of Cushing Square would agree. They put up with a lot for a long time. Well thanks for coming. I'm really hopeful that this was helpful and the thing is it advises the public and ourselves so I appreciate it.

8:40 P.M. Vote to Renew Antique/Second Hand Goods License:
Artistic Orientals (Shahin Afshin-Kia) 379 Trapelo Rd
Permitted operation: Monday-Saturday 10am – 6pm

Vice Chair Paolillo moved to approve the Renew Antique/Second Hand Goods License: Artistic Orientals (Shahin Afshin-Kia) 379 Trapelo Rd, Permitted operation: Monday-Saturday 10am – 6pm. Selectmen Caputo seconded the motion. The BOS voted unanimously in favor of the motion. (09:29 PM)

(Question) Chair Dash: I have a question before we go to the Town Administrator's report. We haven't had any minutes in a while. We were up to date on them and now we are not.

(Answer) Administrator Garvin: Yes, so we are working on them. I think Susan and I talked about it and we plan on bringing it to one of the upcoming meetings.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Because people complain that they want to see the minutes and rightfully so because they can't watch the meetings.

(Comment) Secretary Smith: I'll be caught up by Monday.

(Answer) Administrator Garvin: Ok.

(Comment) Vice Chair Paolillo: Makes sense to do it on Thursday.

(Comment) Chair Dash: Just wanted to put that out there.

II. BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

III. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

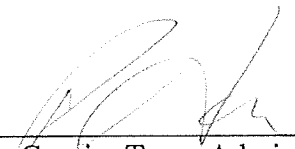
- Talking Trash Meeting (Tuesday night)
 - Attended by approximately 93 people
 - Jay Marcotte, Mike Santoro, and MaryBeth Calnan presented and took questions
 - Presented on trash, solid waste, and recycling changes
 - They took notes of issues that were raised
 - Encouraged individuals to reach out to them with issues or concerns
 - Concerns:
 - Senior voiced concerns about the barrels and snow
 - Houses of worship and churches had questions about what would happen for them
 - Administrator Garvin, Jay Marcotte, Mike Santoro, and MaryBeth Calnan met with members of houses of worship today to minimize the impact of changes on churches
 - Agreement reached which houses of worship will bring to the rest of the houses of worship and then the agreement will be brought to the BOS for a vote
 - Belmont Religious Council had brought up issues to Chair Dash about housing weddings and parties which would generate more trash
- Email from Belmont Farmers Market
 - Requesting dates for office hours at Farmers Market
 - BOS to sign up and tend a table if they are available
 - Chair Dash signed up for 1 day a month
 - BOS need to inform Administrator Garvin so she can publicize when the BOS will be available
 - Selectmen Caputo suggested that office hours coincide with community events
 - BOS have a table at Meet Belmont
 - BOS walk around at Town Day and talk to people
 - BOS walk around at Memorial Day parade and talk to people
 - Vice Chair Paolillo had greater success hosting office hours monthly before BOS meetings
 - Light Board and other meetings have made holding before BOS meeting office hours challenging for Chair Dash
 - Administrator Garvin suggested starting BOS meetings at 7:30 to have office hours beforehand
 - BOS will let Administrator Garvin know about office hours so they can go on the town calendar
- Updated estimate from the house about state aid
 - Administrator Garvin mentioned at the WC meeting last night
 - Unrestricted state aid stayed the same
 - Chapter 70 increase for the town of Belmont increased to \$145,000
 - Still waiting to hear from the senate
 - Chances are the senate is not going to vote to reduce that

Next Meeting: April 30, 2018 at 8:00 AM in the BOS room at Town Hall and April 30, 2018 at 5:00 PM at the Belmont High School conference room.

Vice Chair Paolillo moved to adjourn. Selectmen Caputo seconded the motion. The BOS voted unanimously in favor of the motion. (09:35 PM)

While every effort is made to ensure that the agenda items are scheduled to the specified time as listed, some items may take more or less time than allotted.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator