

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
Monday, December 5, 2011  
7:00 PM**

**6:00 p.m. Belmont Light Board**

**6:30 p.m. Sergi Farm Family Presentation of Proclamation**

Representative Brownsberger appeared before the Board to read a proclamation in honor of the Sergi family and Sergi Farm. Members of the Sergi family were there as well. Representative Brownsberger read the Proclamation. The Board acknowledged the family and the many years of farm service in Belmont.

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:00 pm by Chair Jones in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Firenze and Paolillo were present. Interim Town Administrator Richard Kelliher and Assistant Town Administrator Kellie Hebert were present.

**QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

[There were none.]

**ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

**Annual Tax Classification Hearing**

Board of Assessors Chair, Mr. Robert Reardon, appeared before the Board to seek approval from the Board of Selectman regarding the annual tax classification. Mr. Reardon explained that the current tax rate is \$13.24 per thousand and that the Assessors are proposing a new tax rate of \$13.35 per thousand for Fiscal Year 2012.

*The Board moved:* To approve the new proposed tax code as presented by Mr. Reardon.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Executive Session (*if necessary*)**

*The Board moved:* To enter into executive session at 7:15 p.m. to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union

personnel, specifically health care for union personnel and pay raises for non-union personnel. The Board will return to open session.  
The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote (3-0).

*The Board moved:* To exit executive session at 8:00 p.m. and return to open session.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board resumed open session at 8:03 p.m.

### **Discussion Regarding Beech Street Center Equipment Shed Site**

Mr. Kevin Looney, Building Service Manager, appeared before the Board to discuss the site of the Beech Street Center equipment shed. Selectman Firenze spoke on behalf of a neighbor who is objecting strongly to the proposed location. Mr. Looney informed the Board that he met with the Planning Board and discussed, among other things, having more frequent trash pick-ups, which are costly. He said he would like to place the shed next to the transformer.

The Board discussed issues relating to the shed's location and scheduling additional garbage pick-ups. The Board agreed that the neighborhood residents should have input on this issue.

Mr. Looney will meet with the neighbors and report back to the Board.

### **Vote on the Special Town Meeting (TM) Warrant**

#### ***Article 4: Disposition of Town Owned Property – Royal Road Parcel Relocation of Clark House***

Chair Jones noted that Article Four is the only one that he has received public concerns on.

Mr. Eric Rhodin, local architect, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the Clark House. Even if this is approved by TM in January, Mr. Rhodin informed the Board, additional approvals at the April TM will be necessary, including ConCom and the Parks Commission. Mr. Rhodin explained the process of the temporary relocation of the Clark House. He also highlighted the plan for the permanent location of the Clark House. He said if TM does not approve the plan, the Clark House will be demolished after the January TM.

The Board discussed issues relating to this.

Selectman Firenze raised a question about **Article 5: the Demolition Delay** amendment.

He asked if the Warrant included comments from the Planning Board. The Town Clerk, Ms. Ellen O'Brien Cushman, was asked to join the Board at the table and said that this article was reviewed and extensively rewritten by the By-Law Review Committee, ultimately in concert and agreement with representatives of the Historic District Commission. The Planning Board, she added, was copied on this draft of the amendment to the By-Laws but no comments or edits were received by the By-Law Review Committee from the Planning Board or Mr. Wheeler.

Chair Jones asked about **Article 6: Change of Date of the Annual Town Meeting.**

Ms. O'Brien Cushman noted that based on Town Counsel's feedback, the two week advance period requirement for Town Meeting Members to receive the budget documents before taking the related vote of Town Meeting was removed from Article 6 and more appropriately placed in the non-binding resolution, Article 7.

*The Board moved:* To approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant for January 18, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board signed the warrant.

**Vote on the Special State Election Warrant for January 10, 2012**

Chair Jones said that the Board will approve and sign the warrant for the final state election on January 10, 2012.

*The Board moved:* To approve the special state election warrant for January 10, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**One Day Liquor License**

***Mahoney Christmas Party, Beech Street Center, 266 Beech Street, December 10, 2011  
All Alcohol***

*The Board moved:* To approve the one day liquor license as noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Vote on the MOA on Consolidated Maintenance for Town and School Departments**

Mr. Michael Libenson, WC member and Chair of the Consolidation Subcommittee, appeared before the Board to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) for the consolidation of town and school maintenance departments. Chair Jones said the Board will hold off on the budgeting details of this plan. He requested to have Mr. Libenson's input on the budgeting details. Mr. Kelliher summarized the process that Lexington followed when they consolidated. The implementation of this, he said, is fairly complex.

The Board discussed issues relating to this consolidation. Selectman Firenze requested removal of the paragraph which pertains to the Permanent Building Committee's authority. The Board discussed and decided that it will endorse the MOA once this paragraph is removed. Chair Jones said he expects the SC will not object.

*The Board moved:* To approve the MOA for the consolidation of town and school maintenance departments, with the removal of the paragraph regarding the Permanent Building Committee's authority.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chair Jones thanked Mr. Libenson for his work on this project. Next steps include sitting down with the department heads as well as the Superintendent and perhaps even the Town Managers from Brookline and Lexington.

## **Committee Appointments**

### ***Education Scholarship Committee***

*The Board moved:* To re-appoint Mr. Floyd Carman to the Education Scholarship Committee.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

### ***Vision 21 Committee***

*The Board moved:* To appoint Mr. Doug John to the Vision 21 Committee.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Selectman Paolillo noted that there is another opening on this committee. He added that he presently does not have a candidate to recommend. He noted that he is in touch with the Chair, Mr. Bowman, and will attend a future meeting.

### ***Human Rights Commission (HRC)***

Selectman Firenze said that, given the importance of this topic, any human rights violations should go through the Board and that therefore this committee should be disbanded. He said that there have been no reports from this group and it is hard to say how often they meet or what they do. The Board will have the Chair of HRC report at the next Board meeting.

Selectman Firenze added that he would support disbanding the Vision 21 committee as well.

## **Renewal of Alcohol Licenses**

### **Beer and Wine Restaurant Licenses**

*Asai, 30 Leonard Street*  
*Brother's Pizza, 121 Trapelo Road*  
*Comella's 43 Leonard Street*  
*Kashish, 61 Leonard Street*  
*Patou, 69 Leonard Street*  
*Pho and Thai, 63 White Street*  
*Shangri-La, 149 Belmont Street*  
*Stonehearth Pizza, 57 Leonard Street*

*The Board moved:* To approve the beer and wine restaurant licenses as noted above, contingent upon the fire department conducting its fire inspection.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**All Alcohol Restaurant Licenses**

*Il Casale, 54 Leonard Street*  
*Savino's, 449 Common Street*

*The Board moved:* To approve the all alcohol liquor licenses as noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Beer and Wine Retail License**

*Craft Beer, 51 Leonard Street*  
*Vintages, 32 Leonard Street*

*The Board moved:* To approve the beer and wine retail licenses as noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**All Alcohol Retail License**

*Spirited Gourmet, 448 Common Street*

*The Board moved:* To approve the all liquor retail license as noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Country Club License**

*Belmont Country Club, 181 Winter Street*

*The Board moved:* To approve the country club license as noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Veteran's Club License**

*VFW Waverley Post 1272, 310 Trapelo Road*

*The Board moved:* To approve the Veteran's club license as noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**ACTION BY CONSENT**

## **Approval of Message Board for Town Notices That Would Be Near the Entrance to the Railroad Station**

Chair Jones explained that the Belmont Garden Club has undertaken beautification efforts of the area near the train station, which would include a message board. Selectman Firenze raised a concern about the location of the message board.

*The Board moved:* To approve the message board for town notices near the railroad station entrance.

The motion passed unanimously (2-1).

## **New and Renewal of Licenses**

### **Used Car Dealer's License - Class II**

*Superior Trading Corp, 81 Richardson Rd*

*Pleasant St. Service, 350 Pleasant St*

*Waverley Auto Exchange, 134 Waverley St*

*Boston Motor Werks LLC, new license, 1000 Pleasant St*

*The Board moved:* To approve the used car dealer's license (Class II) for the establishments noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

### **Common Victualler's License**

*Stone Hearth Pizza, 57 Leonard St*

*Theo's Pizzeria, ~389 Trapelo Rd*

*Patou Thai restaurant, 69 Leonard St*

*Pho & Thai, 63 White St*

*Linda's Donuts, 247 Belmont St*

*Brother Pizza & Grille, 121 Trapelo Rd*

*Gen Sushi (HG Asia, Inc.) 61 Concord Ave*

*Il Casale (Altruista Developments LLC) 50 Leonard St*

*The Board moved:* To approve the Common Victualler's license for the establishments noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Il Casale also requested extended hours from 12:00pm on 12/31/11 to 1:00am on 1/1/12. (The Police Dept. have approved.)

*The Board moved:* To approve Il Casale's request for extended hours as noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

## **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Kelliher reported on the following items:

- Fire Chief Frizzell, Mr. Kelliher, and Ms. Hebert will meet with Armstrong regarding the future of Belmont's ambulance service. The town would like to formalize its contract and will receive quotes from more than one vendor. The Board discussed.
- Elected Officials salary practices – He will make a proposal at the next Board meeting regarding this issue.
- It may be necessary to request outside assistance for the upcoming budget process. Mr. Kelliher recommended Mr. Tony Torrisi from Andover, who may be willing to consult with Belmont for about a day a week through the month of January. His salary for this work will need to be worked out.
- He met with the WC last week and the response was welcoming.

## **OTHER**

### **Chair Jones**

- Inquired about the letter regarding the leaves on Myrtle Ave. Mr. Kelliher said the DPW is following up on this.
- A resident paid \$750 regarding driveway paving and is concerned about not receiving advance notification of street paving.

### **Selectman Paolillo Other:**

- Meeting with Minuteman next week – the feasibility study and the overall assessment need to be discussed at this meeting.

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm.

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Acting Town Administrator