

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 9, 2003
SPECIAL ORGANIZATION SESSION**

The Board of Selectmen met in its annual organizational session on Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Belmont Town Hall. All members were in attendance.

Mr. Brownsberger chaired the organizational meeting of the Board.

Selectman Solomon moved to nominate William Brownsberger as Chair of the Board of Selectmen for the coming year.

Ms. Mahoney seconded the nomination.

Selectman Solomon spoke formally of the concept of rotation but felt that the continuity of the Board is important as well.

Selectman Brownsberger expressed appreciation for the nomination and also spoke in support for rotation in the future.

The Board moved: to approve the nomination of William Brownsberger as Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Brownsberger moved to nominate Selectman Mahoney to serve as Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Solomon seconded the motion.

The Board moved: to approve the nomination of Anne Marie S. Mahoney as Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed its formal appointments and less formal memberships as liaisons to various Town Committees and organizations. It was decided to continue all of these relationships at this time.

The Board moved: to re-affirm continuation of these appointments and designations.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Other

The Board considered the Special Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for April 30, 2003.

The Board moved: to approve and execute the Warrant.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board reviewed the latest draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for April 28, 2003.

The Board moved: to approve the Warrant with the understanding that non-substantive, technical and legal corrections shall be made by the Town Counsel or Town Administrator. The Board will sign the document individually over the next couple of days when it is prepared in final form.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board noted the overwhelming approval by the voters of rescinding the civil service status of the Chief of Police position. The Board will discuss the process it shall employ to hire the next Chief of Police at its meeting on Monday evening.

The Board adjourned the organizational session at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Melvin A. Kleckner, Town Administrator
Clerk, Board of Selectmen