

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Monday, October 3, 2011
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:05 pm by Chair Jones in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Firenze and Paolillo were present. Town Administrator Tom Younger and Assistant Town Administrator Kelli Hebert were present.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

[There were none.]

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

Joint Meeting with School Committee (SC) to discuss and vote on SC vacancy

The members of the School Committee (Slap, Vose, Cunningham and Sharfman), including Chair Graham, appeared before the Board to discuss and vote on the SC vacancy. The four individuals who put themselves forward for the vacant SC seat are: Ms. Pasha Griffiths, Ms. Marilyn Horan, Ms. Anne Lougee, and Ms. Diane Palmer. Mr. Sharfman recused himself from the deliberations due to a potential conflict of interest. He presented a formal written disclosure statement to the Board.

Each of the four candidates was given a chance to answer questions and discuss her reasons for wanting to serve on the SC.~ Both SC members and the Board of Selectmen asked questions of the individual candidates.~~The candidates were given the opportunity to make a final statement.~ The interview process lasted almost an hour.

Prior to the vote, SC Chair Graham thanked the candidates for their interest and participation.~ She stated that the candidates are to be commended for their commitment to the Belmont Schools and their willingness to offer their names for consideration.~ Chair Jones thanked them for their time and interest in serving the community.~~~~~

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The joint boards ultimately voted to appoint Ms. Lougee to serve on the School Committee for the remainder of the vacant term which will expire in April 2012.~

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The Board(s) moved:~ To appoint Ms. Anne Lougee to the School Committee for the remainder of the term scheduled to expire in April 2012.

The motion passed (4-3) with SC Chair Graham and SC Members Slap, Vose and Cunningham voting in favor.~ Chair Jones and Selectmen Firenze and Paolillo voting against.~ [SC Member Sharfman abstained.]

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The Board of Selectmen resumed its regular meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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ACTION BY CONSENT

BOS to Accept New Assignment Process for Street Addresses

Ms. Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Town Clerk and member of the Master Address Task Committee, appeared before the Board regarding the process for assigning street addresses which was accepted in April 2011 at the Annual Town Meeting. She noted that the by-law adopted by TM last April was generic and now needs to be adopted. She explained that the town has expanded and that the address data base needs to be consolidated in one place. She further explained the process by which the addresses are issued for new construction. For existing addresses, there is a process by which addresses are formally accepted.

The Board moved: To accept the new process for assignment of street addresses as set forth by the Master Address Task Committee and as accepted at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

New Car Dealer's License, P&E Auto Service, Corp. at 280 Trapelo Rd

The Board briefly discussed the reduction of parking spaces on this property, as well as the outstanding tax issue. The Board opted to hold off voting until October 17 because of the unpaid taxes. Selectman Firenze said he would also like to know if this is a full-time business. He said he would like to know the relationship between the owner and the renter as well.

Committee Appointments

Belmont Vision 21

Selectman Firenze said that this is a committee where two or three members are doing a lot of work. He said he would like to get a better understanding of the goals of this committee. Chair Jones agreed that the charge has not been clear for a very long time. The Board discussed how to proceed with this committee. The Board opted to hold off on appointments to this committee. Chair Jones said he would like to meet with the Chair, Mr. Tim Bowman. Mr. Younger will look into who has done the appointing for this committee in the past.

Recreation Commission

The Board moved: To re-appoint Mr. John Owens to the Recreation Commission.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To re-appoint Ms. Laurie Carlson to the Recreation Commission.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed candidate Mr. Robert Reardon, Jr., who enthusiastically expressed an interest in serving on the Recreation Commission, but is employed by the Recreation Department. Mr. Younger said he would need to resign from his position as the Dolphins swim coach.

Mr. Younger stepped out of the meeting to check on another candidate's employment.

The Board moved: To appoint Ms. Lorri Kane to the Recreation Commission.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0). [But this action was tabled; see next item.]

The Board moved: To reconsider the appointment of Ms. Lorri Kane until her employment with the town can be clarified.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To table Belmont Recreation Commission appointments until more is known on both Ms. Kane and Mr. Reardon.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Bike Path Planning Committee

Selectman Firenze said he would prefer to appoint members to this committee when there are more candidates to choose from. The Board agreed. Mr. Younger said he would continue to advertise that positions are available.

Council on Aging (COA)

Chair Jones said the Chair of the COA, Mr. Samuels, would like to appoint a male to the committee. Chair Jones asked if the Board would like to honor this request. The Board reviewed the current membership.

The Board moved: To appoint Mr. Alan Morgan to the COA.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chair Jones noted that there are excellent candidates who are interested in serving on the COA.

Permanent Audit Committee BOS Liaison

The Board moved: To appoint Selectman Paolillo as the BOS Liaison to the Permanent Audit Committee.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Zipcar License Agreement

Chair Jones recommended that some portions of these funds be allocated to the Energy Committee as they worked hard to bring this to fruition. Mr. Younger said that the license agreement has been associated with Zipcar for a six-month agreement with a six-month renewal. Zipcar will pay the Town \$150 per month per space, which, with two spaces currently allocated, amounts to \$300 per month. He said as of now the money would go back to unincorporated revenue. He said the Energy Committee does not have a line item in the budget so a “determination” would have to be made.

Mr. Younger noted that the signage will be up in less than a month. He said that more Zipcars may be added in Belmont if the program is successful.

The Board moved: To approve the Zipcar agreement.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator’s Report

Mr. Younger reported on the following items:

- Belmont has received \$75K for a regionalized dispatch plan.
 - Belmont received \$117K from the federal government from a January 2011 snowstorm – he said it will be applied to the FY13 budget.
 - \$135K is expected from the state in additional local aid money and will also be applied to the FY13 budget.

OTHER

Selectman Paolillo Other:

- He said this Board should meet with major department heads soon and begin the budget discussions. He said he wants the Board to work in concert with the Warrant Committee. Chair Jones agreed, but noted that his schedule is difficult in October.
- He requested a meeting with Ms. Crimmins regarding collective bargaining matters.
- He suggested that the Board deliberate on the new healthcare statute plan design changes.
- He asked about discussing the Mass. Department of Revenue report. Selectman Firenze said he is impressed with the recommendations made in the report. He said he agreed with the Charter Commission recommendation, in

particular. Selectman Paolillo suggested discussing this soon, perhaps in November. Mr. Younger will explore scheduling this meeting.

Selectman Firenze Other:

- He asked a question about the Retirement Board (RB) appointment of Mr. Floyd Carman. Chair Jones said that Ms. Barbara Hagg is still the RB member until the new Accountant takes her position. Mr. Carman cannot be appointed to the RB, so that appointment is null and void.

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator