

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
Monday, November 19, 2012  
7:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Paolillo in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Jones and Rojas were present. Town Administrator David Kale and Assistant Town Administrator Kellie Hebert were also present.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the evening's agenda.

**QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS** [There were none.]

**ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

**Minuteman Regional High School Discussion**

Mr. Robert McLaughlin, Warrant Committee Member, and Mr. Jack Weis, Minuteman School Committee Representative, appeared before the Board to update them regarding the Minuteman Regional High School.

Chair Paolillo provided an update on the concerns regarding the enrollment and feasibility studies. He explained the requests that Belmont has made to Minuteman regarding the new building project. Mr. Weis summarized his concerns regarding the size of the facility. He stated that at a recent meeting, the district legal counsel suggested that Minuteman reject Belmont's concerns. Mr. Weis explained that Minuteman's legal counsel feels there is no basis to insert Belmont's conditions into the agreement at this point. Mr. Weis noted that the Chair of the Minuteman School Committee has proposed additional meetings with a smaller group to discuss Belmont's concerns further.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that all 16 towns must approve the project before Minuteman can move forward to build a new school. During the Minuteman School Committee meeting, he made the point clear that Belmont would not support this project going forward if the Town's concerns are not addressed.

Chair Paolillo noted that Belmont High School is the same age as Minuteman and are in need of repair. He thanked Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Weis for their efforts.

**Proposed New Richardson Farm Historic District**

Mr. Joseph Cornish, Historic District Commission ("HDC"), Mr. Michael Smith, Co-Chair of the HDC, Ms. Lydia Ogilby, and Mr. Henry Ogilby appeared before the Board to discuss the

proposed new Richardson Farm Historic District.

Mr. Smith reviewed the groups he has met with pertaining to the HDC's request to put this piece of property into a Historic District classification. Mr. Cornish stated that creating historic space preserves the character of Belmont. He reviewed the parcels that would be placed in the new historic district, noting that the land has been actively farmed since the 1600s. He explained that the HDC would have some say in how the parcels are altered (but for the exterior only). He detailed the features of the parcels that would be protected.

Mr. Smith noted that the abutters and the Planning Board were supportive of this proposal.

Chair Paolillo said he expects the Board will be supportive of the By-Law change to preserve these parcels, however, it would need to get Town Meeting approval.

### **Update: Thomas Clark House**

Mr. Michael Smith, Co-Chair of the HDC, Mr. Eric Rodine, Architect, and Mr. Sean McDonald, from the Artificial Heritage Foundation, appeared before the Board to provide a Thomas Clark House update. Mr. Smith noted that the Armenian Church may be interested in a land swap which will create a space that the Thomas Clark House could be relocated to. He said he is looking into the wetlands restrictions. He requested the Board to extend the licensing agreement for a full year (until January 2014) so that the house could continue to sit on the present site while the land swap is worked out with the Armenian Church.

The Board discussed the details. Chair Paolillo said he supports extending the licensing agreement for a year while the permanent site is researched further.

### **Convene as the Light Board**

The Board did not meet as the Light Board, but touched on some issues relating to the new substation. Selectman Jones discussed briefly the formation of a non-BOS configured Light Board. Chair Paolillo noted that Mr. Palmer will provide a substation update at a future BOS meeting.

### **ACTION BY CONSENT**

#### **Minutes Approval**

The board reviewed the minutes of November 5 and 8, 2012.

*The Board moved:* To approve the minutes of November 5.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

*The Board moved:* To approve the minutes of November 8.  
The motion passed (2-0-1) with Selectman Jones abstaining because he had not been present.

### **Consideration of Certain Extended Hours for Macy's, 75 Leonard Street**

The Board considered a request by Macy's for early opening (at 12:30 a.m.) on 11/23/12, and for extending their hours on December 21, 22, 23 to be open from 7:00 a.m. until midnight.

*The Board moved:* To approve both of Macy's requests as noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board signed the request papers.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- The Board is scheduled to meet for a regular meeting prior to the Precinct Meeting on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm. The Board will begin its regular business meeting at 6:30 p.m. and both meetings will be held at the Gallery in the Homer Building.
- The Underwood Pool feasibility study references are being researched. They would like to announce a vendor and move forward with the RFP work as soon as possible.
- Mr. Kale is meeting with school leaders regarding the Facilities Manager position.
- The AFSCME contracts are ready to be signed by the Board.
- The TA's office will create an agenda for the Precinct meetings and any Powerpoint presentations, if necessary.
- Mr. Kale is working with Warrant Committee on the schedule for the budget process.
- Mr. Kale reviewed some key issues for this year's budget planning process, e.g. local aid, free cash and fringe benefits.

### **Executive Session**

*The Board moved:* To enter into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The Board will not return to open session.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0) with a roll call vote.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

- December 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gallery at the Homer Building
- December 10, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. Joint Meeting with School Committee
- December 17, 2012

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.

  
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Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator