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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MARCH 7, 2005**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Call to Order**

The Board convened in regular session at 7:02 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Town Hall. All members were present.

**Questions from Town Residents**

Mr. Walter McLaughlin (Town Meeting Member, Precinct 8) appeared before the Board of Selectmen to voice his frustration over a Conservation Commission meeting which he attended last week, during which a new conservation bylaw was drafted.

Chairman Solomon announced that the Special Town Meeting of March 21, 2005 would only have one issue on its warrant. Dr. Solomon also announced that the Warrant Committee would be conducting its annual budget presentation that same evening (immediately following the Special Town Meeting).

Dr. Solomon announced that the Board of Selectmen met with candidates for the Town Administrator position over the weekend and had conducted three more interviews this morning. Dr. Solomon stated that the Board is pleased to announce that it has offered Mr. Tom Younger the position of Town Administrator. Mr. Younger currently serves as Town Administrator in the Town of North Reading, Massachusetts.

The Board of Selectmen thanked all members of the Town Administrator Search Committee for their hard work.

**Action by Appointment**

*Proclamation for "Roses From Katie" Week*

The Board of Selectmen presented the family of Katie Cudmore with a resolution in honor of "Roses from Katie", a community-based charity which assists children with serious illness in Belmont. "Roses from Katie" was named after Katie Cudmore who passed away at the age of 12 while awaiting a lung transplant.

The Board moved: to declare the week of March 14, 2005 “Roses from Katie” week, in honor of Katie Cudmore’s memory whose birthday is on March 17.

The motion was approved unanimously (3-0).

*Senior Survey from League of Women Voters*

League of Women Voters President Libby Atkins and members Karla O’ Brien, Maryann Scali and Barbara Brown presented the Board of Selectmen with a Senior Survey results booklet which was compiled by the League over the past year and a half. Ms. O’Brien said that this survey was sent to all 5,200 senior citizens in Town and that the response rate was very satisfactory (over 23 per cent).

The Board of Selectmen thanked the League of Women Voters for its work.

*Discussion of Preliminary Study on Refunding of Chenery Bond*

Acting Town Treasurer Daniela Boccia and Town’s Financial Advisor Peter Frazier appeared before the Board of Selectmen to discuss refunding options for the Chenery School construction bond of 1996.

The Board moved: to authorize the Treasurer and the Town’s Financial Advisor to research refunding options further with the State and to come back to the Board with a number of options in the near future.

The motion was approved unanimously (3-0).

*Update on Implementation of the Trapelo Rd.-Belmont St Corridor Study*

Senior Planner Tim Higgins briefly updated the Board of Selectmen on the progress of the Trapelo Road – Belmont Street Corridor study implementation.

*Discussion of Waverley Square Fire Station RFP*

Senior Planner Tim Higgins and Historic District Commission Co-chair Richard Cheek appeared before the Selectmen to discuss the revised Waverley Square Fire Station RFP document.

Selectman Brownsberger stressed that the building design review authority would be in the hands of the Planning Board and he requested that paragraph IV.b (which states that the selected developer will be required to work with the Belmont Historic District Commission (HDC)) be removed from the RFP.

Mr. Cheek expressed his opinion that the Historic District Commission should be considered an authority in the reviewing process.

Chairman Solomon requested that the Senior Planner redraft paragraph IV.b so as to reflect the fact that the Planning Board is the final arbiter and that the Historic District Commission will act in a consulting / advisory capacity.

The Board of Selectmen also requested that the comparative selection criteria section (X) be revised so as to only include three criteria: Qualification, money and the ability to proceed.

The Board of Selectmen requested that the Senior Planner submit a revised RFP document at the March 21 Selectmen's meeting.

#### *Municipal Light Advisory Board*

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#### *Discussion of FY06 Budget*

The Board of Selectmen discussed a revised FY06 budget document with Acting Budget Director Barbara Hagg.

#### *Report from Setback Lines Study Committee*

Setback Lines Study Committee Chair Martin Cohen briefly appeared before the Board of Selectmen to summarize his committee's recommendation (which will be presented before Town Meeting) that the old setback lines should be rescinded.

#### *Committee Appointments*

Chairman Solomon announced Joe Barrell's intention to complete his term as Chair of the Planning Board and that the Board of Selectmen will not be appointing any new member at this point.

The Board of Selectmen discussed various possible nominations to the newly formed Healthcare Insurance Working Group.

The Board moved: to appoint Phil Curtis, Diane Jenkins, Judy Silverman, Jeff Levin Scherz, and Richard Waring to the Healthcare Insurance Working Group.

The Board also discussed a letter from Retirement Board Chair Rosario Sacco requesting that Belmont retirees be represented in this working group.

The Board of Selectmen discussed possible appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an associate member position. The Board chose to defer this decision.

The motion was approved unanimously (3-0).

### **Action by Consent**

#### *Application for Renewal of Licenses and Permits*

The Board moved: to approve all license renewal applications for the following businesses:

Common Victualler License

Linda's Donuts, 247 Belmont Street

New Asia Belmont, 93 Trapelo Road

Rohbaj Enterprises, Inc, d/b/a Kashish, 61 Leonard Street

Auctioneer License

Custom Liquidators of America d/b/a Newton Oriental Rugs, 73 Chestnut Street

Used Car Dealer II

Brother's Auto Service, Inc., 337 Mill Street

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

#### *Approval of Minutes (01/24/05, 01/25/05, 01/31/05)*

The Board moved: to approve all the minutes for the January 24, January 25, and January 31, 2005 meetings.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

### **Other**

The Board moved: to approve a Budget Request Transfer for the Council on Aging Director.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chairman Solomon indicated that he recently participated in a discussion about the merits of implementing a future "shovel your own sidewalk" bylaw. A consensus was reached that such bylaw would be perceived negatively in the community and that it should not be pursued.

The Board adjourned its open session at 10:39 pm.

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Dr. Paul Solomon, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen