

TOWN OF BELMONT
PLANNING BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2008

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7:08 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

Attendance: Jennifer Fallon, Chair; Sami Baghdady; Karl Haglund; Andres Rojas; and Carla Moynihan; Jay Szklut, Staff; Jeffrey Wheeler, Staff

Other: Approximately 15 Town Meeting Members and residents in attendance.

7:10 p.m. Public Forum - Zoning Articles

Article 22: Clarifying Amendment

Ms. Fallon presented the amendment.

A question on clarification of the definition of accessory building was raised.

Article 23: Banks by Special Permit

Mr. Baghdady presented the amendment.

The following concerns or comments from the public were noted.

Appreciate the Board's recognition of potential impact on residential neighborhoods.

Question whether the amendment is a prohibition on banks.

Should allow the free market to operate.

Unfair to landlords.

Article 24: Window Signage

Mr. Rojas presented the amendment.

The following concerns or comments from the public were noted.

Current uses are grandfathered.

Why is the Town controlling the interior of stores.

How will it be enforced and how is it now enforced.

8:15 p.m. Update - Comprehensive Plan

The meeting with the Board of Selectmen has been scheduled for May 5, 2008 following the Board's meeting with the Selectmen to discuss residential parking. Meetings with other committees continues.

8:45 p.m. Other Business

The Board requested that staff contact Town Counsel and get an opinion on whether an informal Planning Board meeting on a proposed Cushing Square development could occur and what would be the parameters of such a meeting.

The Board voted to schedule a meeting for April 29 at 6:00 PM to discuss possible actions on Article 20.

9:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned

5/14/08 Minutes Approved