

- **MINUTES**
- **TOWN OF BELMONT**
- **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
- **PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE ROOM**
- **BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL**
- **Monday, April 27, 2009**
- **6:00 PM**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- A meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 6:10 by Chair Leclerc in the Principal's Conference Room at Belmont High School. Selectmen Firenze and Jones were present. Town Administrator Tom Younger and Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti were also present.

- **QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

- There were none.

- Dr. David Alper of the Board of Health updated the Board on swine flu preparations. Massachusetts has 50,000 antiviral doses on hand with 250,000 more coming from the federal government. The best thing that citizens can do to protect themselves is wash their hands. If they feel sick and have a fever, they should get checked out by a doctor. Health Director Donna Moultrup has requested a couple of minutes to address Town Meeting on this subject. The Town is prepared if the flu situation escalates.

- Dr. Alper also spoke on Town Meeting Article 15 to abolish the Youth Committee. He said he would prefer not to take this step as there is no financial cost if we do nothing.

- **ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

- **Cemetery Commission**

- Chair Ellen Cushman and Alex Corbett appeared before the Board to discuss Article 16 which would convert the Cemetery Commission from elected to appointed. The Commission opposes the change. Ms. Cushman explained that the Commission handles policy, pricing, advocacy and complaints. Converting to an appointed board, she said, could hinder the Commission's advocacy role with regard to phases of cemetery expansion. It was clarified that there is no cost or budget issue involved.

- **By-Law Review Committee**

- Chair Charles Hamann appeared before the Board to discuss an amendment to Article 13 proposed by the By-Law Review Committee. The Committee feels the

language of the amendment is more consistent with state law. Mr. Conti reported that Town Counsel has reviewed both the original language and the amendment and does not feel that either language presents a problem.

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- Article 13
- The Board moved: To support Article 13 as amended by the By-Law Review Committee.

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- Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- Article 15 (Youth Commission)

- The Board decided to go ahead with the Article with no changes.

- Article 16 (Cemetery Commission)

- The Board moved: To dismiss Article 16.

- Motion carried 2-1.

- Article 30 (Church Parking Lots)

- The Board moved: to support Article 30 with an amendment changing the wording “whichever is greater” to “whichever is less”.

- Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- Article 31 (Barn by-law)

- The Board decided not to report any position on this Article because it has not had time to fully consider new information.

- **Town Administrator’s Report**

- Mr. Younger reported that the DPW is holding an open house on Saturday, May 9. He also noted that the state TIP hearing for the Trapelo Road redesign project is May 21. Selectmen Firenze and Jones will try to attend.

- **ACTION BY WRITING**

- Boosters Club’s Request to hold annual fiesta Show Carnival, June 7 – June 14
- 2009/2010 New License for “Belmont Estate Buyer”, 102 Trapelo Road.
- Renewal license for “As Tyme Goes By”, 97 Trapelo Road
- Proclamation Arbor Day on Friday, May 1, 2009

- The Board moved: To approve all the requests, licenses, and proclamations.
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- Motion passed unanimously (3-0).
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- The Board moved: To issue and sign a proclamation recognizing the Paratore Brothers, to be presented at Town Meeting.
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- Motion passed unanimously (3-0).
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- **OTHER**
- The Board agreed not to meet Wednesday prior to Town Meeting or Thursday afternoon.
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- The Board moved to recess the meeting and reconvene in the High School Auditorium as Town meeting.
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- The Board reconvened at 7:30 PM in the High School Auditorium for Town Meeting.
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- *(The proceedings of Town Meeting are available from the Town Clerk's Office.)*
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- The Board moved to recess the meeting at 10:45 pm, to reconvene on Wednesday, April 29 for the continuation of Town Meeting.
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- The Board reconvened at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 29 for the continuation of Town Meeting.
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- The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:48 pm.
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