

JOINT MEETING OF WARRANT COMMITTEE AND CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEES
6:30 p.m., Teachers Lounge, Belmont High School
April 30, 2008

Attendees: Warrant Committee members: Chair Phil Curtis, Michael Widmer, Robie White, Liz Allison, William Lynch, Roy Epstein, James Heigham, John Bowe, Bill Hofmann, Peg Callanan, Mark Paolillo, and Linda Oates

Capital Budget Committee members: Chair Patricia Brusch, Anne Marie Mahoney, Jenny Fallon, Diane Stafford

Absent: Warrant Committee - Walter McLaughlin, Ralph Jones
Capital Budget Committee-Jack Conti

Other attendees: Barbara Hagg, Floyd Carman, Sami Baghdady, and Robert Fasanella (attorney for potential developer Starr).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by WC Chair Curtis & CBC Chair Brusch.

Article 20 - Regarding Sami Baghdady amendment

The Cushing Square neighborhood last evening voted in favor of the amendment. Mr. Baghdady stated that Chris Starr would like an additional amendment to the amendment. Robert Fasanella representing Chris Starr is concerned about the "expiration of all appeals" language could include a frivolous appeal that could hold up the project. They don't think that this is probable, only possible. Delay could make it impossible for the BOS to sell the parking lot. Mr. Baghdady agrees that this is something that could happen. The language is under part d of Article 20. Everyone that is an abutter, an abutter of an abutter or within 300 feet of the project could appeal. This amendment was not favored by Town Counsel. This language could be modified at STM in the fall should there be an appeal based on nuisance. Special permit rights have to be started within three years. Mr. Baghdady is hoping that bid requirements show evidence of financial ability. The votes would be taken only on the original amendment.

Motion by WC Member Heigham to approve the Sami version. The first fist portion of the amendment pertains to Horne Road, this was approved unanimously.

Further motion by Member Heigham that the second part of the motion regarding the Parking Lot be approved. There were 11 votes in favor, 2 abstentions (Brusch & Hofmann).

The CBC had voted on this Monday evening and therefore, no vote was necessary.

General discussion ensued about the FY09 budget presentation to Town Meeting.
Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.