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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 28, 2004
REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall. All members were present.

Questions from Town Residents

Mr. Mercier of Cross Street appeared to address alternative methods of developing affordable housing in Belmont.

Ms. Mahoney indicated that the issues related to B Street and Brighton Street were "closed" matters and the Board will not entertain them at this time.

Action by Appointment

Discussion of Belmont Uplands 40B Proposal

--Meet with Arlington Board of Selectmen

--Final Approval of Site Approval Application Comments

The Board met with its colleagues on the Board of Selectmen in Arlington to discuss the proposed development at Belmont Uplands. Ms. Mahon, representing Arlington, made a statement in opposition to development at the alternative site of the former MDC Skating Rink at Route 2 and Lake Street. Each member of the Arlington Board contributed comments.

Selectman Solomon made a statement in opposition to the 40B development and explained his support for the alternative site. He is inclined to support legislation initiated by the Town of Arlington to study the flooding and related impacts of development in the Alewife area.

Selectman Brownsberger indicated his general opposition to development in the Alewife area, but differed with the benefits of flood storage at the rink site.

The following joint motions were developed and voted upon;

The Board moved: to support legislation in Senate 2307 to study flood control and related impacts at the former MDC Skating Rink site.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to oppose development at the Belmont Uplands site in Alewife.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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The Board moved: to oppose development at the former MDC Skating Rink at Route 2.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board reviewed proposed comments submitted by the Arlington Board of Selectmen and agreed to include them as an attachment.

The Board modified its new letter based upon the above votes.

The Board reviewed a proposed change suggested by the Uplands Advisory Committee relative to the Planning Board, and agreed to include the change if it is determined to be accurate.

The Board moved: to approve the revised letter and attachments, pending verification of facts by the Town Administrator and consistency with the above votes.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Brownsberger recommended extending the temporary Alewife Advisory Committee.

Ms. Mahoney was opposed.

The Board moved: that the Advisory Committee be authorized to continue until the next meeting at which time a revised charge will be reviewed.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board agreed to listen to a presentation from a group of citizens in East Arlington regarding development at Alewife.

Town Treasurer

--Approval of Bond Issue

--Abatement of Ambulance Bills

The Board met with the Town Treasurer to approve financing for capital improvements.

The Board moved: to approve \$10,126,000 in general obligation debt as proposed by the Town Treasurer.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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The Board executed a series of documents necessary to certify the financing.

The Board reviewed a request by the Town Treasurer to abate several outstanding unpaid ambulance bills that are either uncollectible or otherwise imprudent to collect.

The Board moved: to abate bills of \$100 or less, following reasonable efforts of the Town Treasurer to collect.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Public Hearing on Verizon Petition for Betts and Sargent Roads

The Board convened a public hearing on the petition of Verizon on Betts Road and Sargent Road to place conduit for a permanent upgrade in service.

Mr. Callanan of Sargent Road appeared to support the petition, but expressed concern over loss of phone service and traffic control. He requested that Verizon provide temporary cellular phone service if necessary to provide effective traffic control, and to limit work hours.

The Board moved: to approve the petition with conditions as requested by Town departments and by Mr. Callanan.

The Board further advised that the Town Administrator communicate the Town's concerns with upper management at Verizon.

Murray Ruben re: Belmont Center Traffic Flow Redesign Concept

This matter was deferred.

Senior Center Building Committee re: Project Update

The Board heard a presentation of the Senior Center Building Committee on the schematic design proposal and cost projection. The project architect, Catlin Architecture, was present.

Acting Director of Community Development re: Pavement Management Program

The Board heard a presentation from the Acting Director of Community Development relative to the Town's Pavement Management program.

The Board discussed aspects of the program.

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The Board heard from resident Peter Curro about concerns he has with the pavement management program. Mark D'Andrea also addressed the Board.

The Board moved: to authorize the Director of Community Development to 1) implement a program of minor maintenance with FY 2005 Pavement Management funding, 2) to confirm funding for the Washington Street / Grove Street intersection and 3) to authorize preliminary design funding for Trapelo Road / Belmont Street.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Appointment of Fire Chief

The Board met with Acting Chief David Frizzell in connection with the Town Administrator's recommendation to appoint him as permanent Fire Chief.

The Board moved: to appoint David L. Frizzell as Fire Chief effective immediately.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Discussion of Committee Appointments

The Board moved: to appoint William McCants, Judith Feins and Arthur Heron to the Human Rights Commission.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to appoint Janet MacDonald to the Disability Access Commission.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to formally adopt the Charge for the Purecoat Planning Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved (Brownsberger): to appoint Raymond Miyares, Noah Sachs, Scott Ferson, Stephen Savarese and Lee Barber to the Purecoat Planning Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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Action by Consent

*Renewal of Common Victualler's License
Summer Palace Restaurant, 63 Concord Avenue*

The Board moved: to renew the common victualler's license for Summer Palace restaurant.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Approval of Minutes (05/10/04, 05/17/04, 05/24/04, and 06/07/04)

The Board moved: to approve the minutes of May 10, May 17, May 24 and June 7, 2004 (with one correction requested).

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Resolution re: Supporting Producer Take Back of Cathode Ray Tubes Legislation

The Board moved: to approve the resolution supporting Producer Take Back of Cathode ray tubes legislation

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Letter from C Street Resident re: Traffic at Town Yard

The Board moved: to refer this request to the Director of Public Works for feedback.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Letter from Town Accountant re: Reserve Fund Transfer Request for Auditing Services

The Board moved: to approve the reserve fund transfer request for auditing services.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Memorandum from Traffic Advisory Committee re: Extension of Vehicle Exclusion to Oxford Street

The Board moved: to approve the extension of the vehicle exclusion to Oxford Street.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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Memorandum from Acting Director of Community Development re: Request to Fill Administrative Secretary Vacancy on Part Time Basis

The Board moved: to approve the Acting Director of Community Development's request to fill Administrative Secretary vacancy on part time basis.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Action by Writing

Memorandum from Police Department re: Request to Implement Channing Road Parking Restrictions

The Board noted the request and the recommendation of the Police Department not to expand parking restrictions at this time. Mr. King appeared at the meeting to advocate for parking restrictions.

The Board moved: to take no action on expanding parking restrictions on Channing Road at this time, but to direct more intensive parking enforcement. The Board sought clarification on the equity / parity of Alexander Avenue.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Letter from Friends of the Belmont Council on Aging re: Request to Offer Naming Opportunities for Major Donors to Senior Center

The Board moved: to endorse the "Naming" fund raising proposal adopted by the Friends of the Council on Aging.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Other

The Board adjourned their regular session at 10:45 p.m.



Melvin A. Kleckner, Town Administrator
Clerk, Board of Selectmen