

MINUTES

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 6, 2005
SPECIAL SESSION

Call to Order

The Board convened in open session at 7:05 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Belmont Town Hall. All members were present.

Questions from Town Residents

Board of Cemetery Commissioners Chair Ellen O'Brien Cushman appeared before the Board of Selectmen along with members Charles Johnson and Alexander Corbett to announce that the deed to the cemetery land had just been received from McLean.

Resident Tommi Olson appeared before the Board to announce the Payson Park Summer Concert Series.

Resident Bill Strong appeared before the Board of Selectmen to request that the two-week benefit extension for his daughter Christine (awarded by the Selectmen on May 23, 2005) be extended again for another week.

The Board of Selectmen took no action on Mr. Strong's request.

Resident Frank Aguilar appeared before the Board of Selectmen to inquire about the appointment and reappointment process to the Historic District Commission. This will occur on June 20, 2005.

Action by Appointment

Discussion of Department of Telecommunications & Energy Report

The Board of Selectmen convened as Municipal Light Board.

Light Department General Manager Tim McCarthy appeared before the Board to request that the Board sign the Department of Telecommunications and Energy's Annual Report.

The Board moved: to sign the Department of Telecommunications and Energy's Annual Report.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with non-union personnel; and further that the Board will return to open session shortly thereafter.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board of Selectmen returned to open session at 7:35 PM.

Discussion of SEIU Union Contract

The Board of Selectmen discussed the proposed SEIU three-year union contract with Human Resources Director Diane Jenkins. This contract was previously ratified by the union.

The Board moved: to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the Service Employees International Union.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Execution of Bond Anticipation Note for 303 Concord Avenue

Town Treasurer Floyd Carman and Town Clerk Delores Keefe appeared before the Board of Selectmen to request the Selectmen's execution of the bond anticipation note for the purchase of the 303 Concord Avenue property.

The Board moved: to execute three copies of the bond anticipation note for the 303 Concord Avenue property.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Presentation of Proposed Development for 948-1000 Pleasant Street

Residents Doctor Lorraine and Claire DeMilia and FD Development, Inc. developer Albert Mendehilson appeared before the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Mendehilson presented a project proposal for the development of residential apartment units on the property currently owned by the DeMiliars located at 948-1000 Pleasant Street.

The Board encouraged Mr. Mendehilson to pursue this project further and to come back before the Board once more information is available.

*Application for Licenses and Permits – Original
Used Car Dealer I
Cityside Subaru, Inc, 790 Pleasant Street*

Cityside Subaru President Lawrence Gordon appeared before the Board of Selectmen to request approval of a new Class I license application for his new business located at 790 Pleasant Street.

The Board moved: to approve the new Class I license for Cityside Subaru.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Discussion of Waverley Fire Station RFP

Town Administrator Tom Younger updated the Board of Selectmen on Town Counsel's findings relative to the appropriate selection process for the final RFP.

The Town Administrator will provide a final recommendation for the winning bid on June 20.

Discussion of Long Term Financial Planning

The Board of Selectmen discussed the planning of its upcoming budget statement before Town Meeting on June 13.

The Board agreed to have each selectman present a portion of that statement.

Discussion of Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

The Board reviewed its position on all warrant articles.

The Board moved: to approve the order of all warrant articles as follows; 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 8, 11, 12, 7, 3, 2, 13.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to recommend approval of articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Public Works Director Peter Castanino appeared before the Board to discuss articles 6, 7, and 11.

The Board moved: to defer its vote on article 7 until June 13.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to dismiss article 12.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to disapprove the motion for article 13.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Discussion of Media Center

Cable Television Advisory Committee Chair Greg Poulos, Cable Access Committee chair John Verrilli, and Community Media Center Board of Conveners member Jonathan Green appeared before the Board to update the Selectmen on the new Board of Directors for the Belmont Media Center.

The involvement of youth with the new Belmont Cable Media Center Committee and the Youth Commission was also discussed. This topic was brought forth by a correspondence from resident Marian Miller who questioned the lack of youth representation on various Town boards.

The Board moved: to express its appreciation towards the formation of the new Belmont Media Center.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Appointments to Town Boards and Committees

The Board continued its annual committee and commission appointment process.

The Board moved: to reappoint Simson Garfinkel to the Information Technology Advisory Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to appoint Elizabeth Firenze to the Information Technology Advisory Committee.

The motion passed (2-0), with Selectman Firenze recusing himself.

The Board moved: to appoint Jonathan Green to the Cable Television Advisory Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to appoint Carolyn Bunyon, Laurence Grosbaum and Salvatore Maniscalco to the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to reappoint Arthur Heron as Associate Member to the Belmont Housing Trust.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to appoint Donna Brescia to the Belmont Vision 21 Implementation Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Selectman Brownsberger recommended that Margaret Velie and Carolyn Bishop be appointed as full members to the Conservation Commission and that the following associate members be reappointed: Ruth Foster, Monica King, and Stewart Sanders.

No vote was made on this commission.

The Board moved: to reappoint Francis Williams, William Rodi, and Celeste Andrade to the Disability Access Commission.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to reappoint Edward Corsino, Andrew Healy, Thomas Mahoney, Donna Moultrup and Andrew O'Malley to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to reappoint Peter Palandjian to the Retirement Board.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to reappoint Dorothy Rosales, Lucille Dressler and to appoint Andre Rojas to the Shade Tree Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to reappoint Tim Riley to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to appoint Eric Smith as full member, Patrick Dignan as Associate; and to reappoint Martin Cohen as Associate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Action by Consent

Application for Licenses and Permits – Renewal
Junk, Old Metals and Second Hand Articles License
James and Edith Diamond d/b/a Fancy That, 4 Trapelo Road

The Board moved: to approve the license renewal application for Fancy That, 4 Trapelo Road.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Action by Writing

Correspondence from Belmont Garden Club re: Request for Permanent Signs

The Board moved: to approve the Belmont Garden Club's request to post small permanent signs on several deltas in Town, crediting the Garden Club for its various contributions to the Town.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Memorandum from Murtha Cullina, LLP re: Dane Baird Petition – 9 Park Avenue

The Board dismissed this discussion as the petition for acceptance for a new road off Park Avenue was recently withdrawn by the petitioners, Dane and Joella Baird.

Other

Chairman Solomon announced that the Downtown Initiative program awarded the Town a \$6,000 grant for the Waverley Trail project.

The Board of Selectmen briefly discussed the need to document a job description for the new Town Planner. This discussion will take place during a special session on Friday, June 10.

The Board adjourned its open session at 11:30p.m.

Thomas G. Younger
Town Administrator