

TOWN OF BELMONT  
PLANNING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES  
July 28, 2010

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**7:05 p.m.** Meeting called to order.

Attendance: Andres Rojas, Acting Chair; Sami Baghdady, Karl Haglund; Jay Szklut, Staff.  
Absent: Jenny Fallon

Minutes of July 14, 2010 were approved.

**7:15 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING – 240 SOMERSET STREET**

Mr. Baghdady read the Notice of the Hearing.

Mr. Rojas invited, Andy Bram, attorney for the applicant to present and describe the proposed project. The lot was split to allow construction of two single family homes. The owner of the property at 240 Somerset Street would like to have a separate driveway to their property. The entrance to the driveway requires removal of three trees and a portion of the stonewall. A fourth tree along the roadway is dead and the applicant is also willing to have that tree removed. The portion of the stone wall to be removed would be relocated to fill in a gap in the wall that served a previous driveway to the original building on the property which no longer exists. Mr. Bram introduced Dan Soline, landscape architect, to more fully describe the trees to be removed.

Tom Walsh, the Belmont Tree Warden provided his description of the trees to be removed and supported the application.

Mr. Rojas asked if there was anyone from the public in support of the application.

Anne Hanford, 220 Somerset Street, expressed her support for removal of all the trees.

No one spoke in opposition to the application.

**Moved by Mr. Baghdady to close the public hearing.**

**Seconded by Mr. Haglund**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Moved by Mr. Baghdady to approve removal of the four trees and relocation of the stone wall as shown on the plan dated, January 13, 2010 and submitted to the Board on July 27, 2010 with the condition that the stone wall shall be rebuilt in character with the existing wall.**

**Seconded by Mr. Haglund**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**7:50 p.m.** Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall

List of Documents presented:

- Application for removal of trees and stonewall to access property at 240 Somerset St. (on file in OCD office).

9/22/10 Approved