

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
Monday, August 3, 2009  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Leclerc in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Jones was present; Selectman Firenze was not present. Town Administrator Tom Younger was not present; Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti was present.

**QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

There were none.

**ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

**McLean Conservation Restriction – Attorney Affidavit**

Ms. O'Brien Cushman, Chairman of the McLean Land Management Committee, appeared before the Board to "correct a mistake" regarding a small parcel of land owned by the Cosman family. The Conservation Restriction document B1 was mistakenly placed on this entire parcel of land (24,000 square feet) rather than only on a portion of it. Ms. O'Brien Cushman consulted the town attorney who advised drawing up an affidavit, which all relevant parties have agreed to, to correct this mistake.

*The Board moved:* To accept and sign the affidavit.  
The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

**Wellington Building Committee Project Funding Agreement**

Mr. Mark Haley, Chairman of the Wellington Building Committee, appeared before the Board to request the Board to sign the "Project Funding Agreement" with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The state funding will total \$12.4 million and the signed Debt Exclusion will cover the remaining \$37 million. This signed document will be sent to the MSBA. The Board agreed to sign the papers.

**Trapelo Road and Stimulus Funding**

Chair Leclerc asked Mr. Glenn Clancy, Community Development Director, to speak on the issue of Trapelo Road not qualifying for stimulus funding. Mr. Clancy approached the table and reviewed the status of the Trapelo Road project. He acknowledged that

Trapelo Road will not be funded with stimulus money and noted that the year 2014 is the likely construction date. Mr. Clancy added that he has met with Representative Brownsberger, who would like to see other pavement projects (Grove Street, Concord Ave., Leonard Street) funded with stimulus money.

### **Accessible Parking Space – Leonard Street**

Mr. Clancy continued before the Board to discuss a Leonard Street parking space. Mr. Brian Burke, from Burke Land Company, approached the table as well. Mr. Clancy explained that the ad hoc parking group was asked to examine the current handicap parking spot that is located in front of the CVS. Mr. Clancy reviewed the handicap parking issues and he addressed changing the location of the handicap spot by moving it in front of the Burke Land Company building. The current location is no longer near a curb cut that would allow wheelchair access since the fire station renovation; the new location would solve this problem. Mr. Burke reviewed why the proposed change of location had some problems, including manhole cover issues, etc. Mr. Burke recommended another possibility for placement of the handicap parking space(s). He also discussed the placement and design of his handicap parking space plan. Mr. Clancy noted that several issues existed with Mr. Burke's proposed plan. He cited state law as it pertains to handicap parking. He noted that the recommendation of the ad hoc committee was a "simple fix" – a space that is centrally located and appropriate for Leonard Street.

*The Board moved:* To accept the recommendation made by Mr. Clancy and the ad hoc parking group regarding the placement of the handicap spot.  
The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

Mr. Burke requested that his driveway not be obstructed.

### **Additional Discussion of Stimulus Funding for Road Work**

At this time, Representative Brownsberger appeared before the Board to discuss the need for Belmont to avail itself of every possibility to receive stimulus funding to resurface roads. Representative Brownsberger added that the process would need to go through the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) and the Department of Transportation and Mass. Highway. Selectman Jones summarized: Trapelo Road would stay in the queue and certain other roads (Grove Street, Concord Ave., Leonard Street) would be proposed to be repaired with stimulus money. Mr. Clancy noted that getting the money is a long shot, as it is very competitive.

*The Board moved:* To construct a plan to achieve stimulus funding for the roads named above.  
The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

### **Minuteman Study Committee Appointments**

The Board discussed the appointments to and the formation of the Minuteman Study Committee. Chair Leclerc reviewed the fact that Town Meeting had voiced its frustration pertaining to the cost of \$800K to support 33 Belmont students. This, he said, is more than twice the per-pupil cost for Belmont public schools. The WC appointed four people (Ms. Callanan, Ms. Millane, Mr. Paolillo, and Mr. McLaughlin) as the “Minuteman Study Committee” and appointed Chair Leclerc to a leadership role. The Study Committee will also include Ms. Kimberly Becker and a to-be-named School Committee representative. The committee will also be encouraged to consult with Mr. Henry Hall because of his involvement in prior Minuteman agreements. These meeting will be open meetings and announced ahead of time.

*The Board moved:* To accept the named appointments to the Minuteman Study Committee mentioned above.

The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

Selectman Jones commented that the Study Committee should not frame its work as “for or against voc tech education”. This is about a school that was set up for 1,000 students and currently has 400 students and refuses to downsize. The issue of fixed assets must be looked at, as well, he said. Selectman Jones noted that Joe Scali should be added to the Committee as he is the current Belmont representative on the Minuteman School Committee.

*The Board moved:* To add Mr. Scali to the Minuteman Study Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

### **Town Administrator’s Report**

Mr. Conti reported on the following items (in Mr. Younger’s absence):

- The new Senior Center is still working on backup power; the move-in date looks to be late August; a certificate of occupancy will be required and some parking issue are not yet resolved. The dedication ceremony will be held on Sat., Sept. 26.
- Woodfall Road property will be evaluated to update its value.
  - The Pavement Management Plan is underway; Marsh Street is currently being paved.
  - The Homer Building stairs are being evaluated; the Town Hall emergency exit door needs work.
  - The Recreation Department is in good shape financially: \$22K ahead of expenses.
  - The Health Insurance fund has a \$3.9M balance, which is up \$900,000 since July 2008.
  - Thanks to Mr. Andy McClurg, who has been mowing the Benton lawn. The town will begin to mow the Benton lawn.
- “Meet Belmont” will be held in the High School cafeteria on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>.

- The BOS will meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of September (Selectman Jones can't make the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting).

## **Donations**

Chair Leclerc thanked Ms. Liz Allison for donating 10 “Kindles” (wireless electronic reading devices) to the library.

He also thanked Mr. Salvi Couto for his donation of \$7,000 to the Police Department.

*The Board moved:* To accept the donation from Mr. Couto to purchase Police Uniforms.

The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

## **ACTION BY CONSENT**

### **Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes – April 28, September 4, 2008 and June 15, 29, 2009**

*The Board moved:* To accept the Minutes specified above.

The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

### **Waverley Woods – Prior Recorded Lien Holder Consent**

*The Board moved:* To support and sign the lien holder consent.

The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

Board members signed the consent.

## **OTHER**

### **Vision Committee Appointment**

Chair Leclerc noted that the Vision Committee needs an appointment. He met with Dr. Solomon and would like to appoint Ms. Sarah Masucci.

*The Board moved:* To appoint Ms. Sarah Masucci to the Vision Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

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Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator

