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TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN – OPEN SESSION
BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
Monday, June 4, 2018
5:00 p.m.**

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DATE: 06/11/18**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order in open session at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Adam Dash in the Belmont High School Conference Room. Members Mark Paolillo and Thomas Caputo were present.

Also Present: Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator; Nicholas Iannuzzi, ZBA

Chair Dash turned to the agenda.

Community Announcements

Community announcements were made by Mr. Dash.

Comments/Questions from Residents

Mr. Dash inquired as to whether anyone from the public had questions or concerns.

John Carey, Orchard Street came forward with an issue. Mr. Carey discussed concerns that his neighborhood has relative to noise issues generated from rooftop units at the Wellington School. He stated that this has been an issue since approximately 2011. The units are currently running 24/7 including overnights. He indicated that there would be progress on the issue; then things would revert back. Planning and the Selectmen have been involved in the past. He is now seeking answers as to how this issue can be resolved. Mr. Carey is aware that there has been a change in staff in the Facilities Department. He indicates that the rooftop units began running this past Friday and ran all weekend.

Mr. Paolillo believes that the units were supposed to be off overnight. Mr. Caputo speculated as to whether this had been an oversight. Mr. Dash indicated that the Town Administrator should reach out to Steve Dorrance, the new Facilities Director, to make sure he is aware of the issue.

**Zoning Board Associate Member Appointment
Zoning Board Member Re-Appointment**

Nicholas Iannuzzi, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, was present for reappointment to the Board. Mr. Iannuzzi reviewed the applications of interested residents wishing to serve as an Associate Member (two current openings).

Mr. Iannuzzi indicated that applicant Casey Williams has had past issues with violations and

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finer. Mr. Iannuzzi recommended that the Board check with Community Development Director Glenn Clancy prior to making a decision on appointing her to the ZBA. Otherwise, she is qualified to serve.

Applicant Blake Currier indicated in his application materials that he had served on the Air BnB ZBA subcommittee. It was noted that no such ZBA sub-committee exists in Belmont.

Mr. Paolillo indicated that Ms. Williams would be a strong member on the board, and would also bring female representation to the board. The Board decided to look into the issue and determine the severity and nature of the violation.

Applicant Michael Trudeau was in attendance. He was asked to speak before the board. Mr. Dash asked him to give his background. Mr. Trudeau served in the military for five (5) years and has a degree in political science. He has resided in Belmont for seven (7) years and would like to serve the community that has been his home since his discharge from the military. Mr. Dash explained how the ZBA works and how members take turns drafting the legal decisions. Mr. Paolillo stated that he thinks Mr. Trudeau would be a great addition to the Board.

Mr. Paolillo made a motion to reappoint Nicholas Iannuzzi to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Caputo seconded. Vote: 3-0-0

Mr. Paolillo made a motion to reappoint Phil Ruggerio as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Caputo seconded. Vote: 3-0-0

Applicant Casey Williams arrived to the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m. Mr. Dash asked her to give her background. Ms. Williams explained that she is now serving as a Town Meeting member for Precinct 5. She desires to give back to her community and plans to live here for a long time. Ms. Williams has a background in civil engineering. She currently works for a building firm focusing on existing and historical buildings. Ms. Williams is active in the ACE program which is designed to get high school students involved in architecture.

Mr. Dash asked Ms. Williams to explain her situation with the code violation that Mr. Iannuzzi had mentioned earlier. Ms. Williams explained that she has a two family home wherein the back porch was destroyed by carpenter ants. Some emergency repairs were done; she went to the building department for a permit hoping to redesign the layout of the stairs. Only two options were available; extend it to the property line or place it next to the garage. She had been advised to build it next to the garage. It ultimately did not pass inspection the first time. The matter has since been resolved.

Applicant Blake Currier arrived to the meeting at approximately 5:35 p.m. Mr. Dash asked him to give his background. Mr. Currier stated he grew up in Cambridge. He actively participated in musicals during high school in Belmont so he is familiar with the town. He holds a civil engineering degree and a construction superintendent's license. He also holds a PhD in radiation physics and teaches at W.P.I. He also currently runs construction projects and owns two (2) homes in Belmont. He indicated he is vested in the community and is here for the long haul. Mr. Dash inquired about his Air BnB experience with the planning board. He explained how the

subcommittee looked at various options for how rentals could be regulated in Belmont. Mr. Iannuzzi inquired as to what his thoughts were on Air BnB. Mr. Currier responded that these kinds of rentals would have different impacts depending upon each section of town.

Mr. Dash explained that there is a one year associate slot and a two year associate slot available. Mr. Paolillo stated that he thinks that Ms. Williams would be good. He suggested appointing her to the two year slot and Mr. Currier to the one year slot.

Mr. Iannuzzi concurred with this suggestion. Mr. Paolillo and Mr. Dash encouraged Mr. Trudeau to look at openings in the Warrant Committee and the Capital Budgeting Committee. They believe that one of those committees would be a good fit for him. They indicated that he would be a valuable member to have serving on a town committee given his background and education.

Mr. Paolillo made a motion to appoint Casey Williams to the two (2) year ZBA Associate Member term. Mr. Caputo seconded.

Vote: 3-0-0

Mr. Paolillo made a motion to appoint Blake Currier to the one (1) year ZBA Associate Member term. Mr. Caputo seconded.

Vote: 3-0-0

Daniel Kelleher Proclamation

The selectmen will be presenting at Town Meeting a proclamation for Daniel Kelleher as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Daniel Kelleher, longtime coach and mentor of Belmont Hockey and Baseball has passed away this past week on May 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS: Daniel Kelleher volunteered as a coach for Belmont Little League for 35 years, Middlesex Senior Babe Ruth League for 30 years, Belmont Youth Hockey for 40 years, served as the Junior Varsity Hockey coach at Belmont High School for 20 years and was a member of the Recreation Commission serving 12 years from 1983 to 1995; and

WHEREAS: Daniel Kelleher is most well known in Town for his dedication to the Belmont Youth Hockey's Mites, who are a group of 8-year olds and under who play their first competitive games against other Towns, and would often be seen rink side watching them years later as they played for Belmont High School; and

WHEREAS: Daniel Kelleher is a member of the Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame (2001) and the 2001 recipient of the William Thayer Tutt Award, USA Hockey's highest volunteer award; and

WHEREAS: Daniel Kelleher is survived by five sons, all of who played college hockey. Last

year, his son Patrick was named the executive director of USA Hockey, the sport's national governing body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Belmont joins with the Town in expressing our sincere condolences to Daniel's family and friends and offer a tribute to Daniel Kelleher. He set a high standard of commitment and dedication which the youth of our Town may follow and serve as an inspiration to the citizens of the Town of Belmont.

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Thomas Caputo, Selectman

It was determined that Mr. Paolillo would read the proclamation at Town Meeting.

Mr. Paolillo made a motion approve the proclamation for Daniel Kelleher. Mr. Caputo seconded. **Vote: 3-0-0**

John McClellan Proclamation

The selectmen will be presenting a proclamation for John McClellan as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Winthrop L. Chenery Middle School of Belmont Band Director is Mr. John McLellan; and

WHEREAS: For the past 35 years, he has educated thousands of Belmont Public School students with music and band curricula as a teacher in the Fine Arts Department; and

WHEREAS: With musical genius and whimsy, he has conducted and directed countless pieces of music for Belmont school bands, Chenery Winds, flute ensembles, and other instrumental ensembles; and

WHEREAS: The aforementioned ensembles have been awarded top ratings by the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA); and

WHEREAS: With a dedication and passion for students, only surpassed by theirs for him, John McLellan has developed a lifelong love of music within every person sitting inside his classroom walls; and

WHEREAS: With music comradery and wit, he has developed a unique and innovative instrument skill development program called Levels, which begins every Chenery band student on a journey to strive for excellence within their own abilities; and

WHEREAS: The said Levels program, which culminates with every ten levels successfully completed and recorded - in an original, individual, advanced exercise composed by John McLellan for the student - has amounted to over 500 written works for over 15 different kinds of musical instruments; and

WHEREAS: In concert with the entire Belmont Public Schools band program, he has been part of 35 years of annual Bandorama community performances; and

WHEREAS: The Saturday Morning Music School (SMMS) community music program with his coordination and commitment, has further nurtured and motivated multitudes of elementary and middle school students, and developed a student musician mentor program for the SMMS participants with advanced middle school and high school band students; and

WHEREAS: With enthusiasm and resourcefulness, he has extended his music contributions to the Belmont community with the annual formation of a Parent/Teacher Chorus and a Parent/Teacher Band, awakening the musical student in hundreds of adults; and

WHEREAS: Because of the fine example of musical integrity he set, many Belmont band students have continued their music studies in college and chosen to become professional musicians; and

WHEREAS: With earnestness and pedagogical devotion, he has helped bring musical revelation and education to several generations of Belmont families; and

WHEREAS: His contribution to the band and Fine Arts curricula has helped make it possible for the Belmont Public Schools band program to be honored among the best in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Mr. John McLellan has now earned the distinction of celebrating his 35th year of teaching and supporting the Town of Belmont.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Belmont joins with the Town in paying tribute the Mr. John McLellan for this outstanding achievement. You have set a high standard of commitment and dedication which the youth of our Town may follow and serve as an inspiration to the citizens of the Town of Belmont.

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This proclamation would be read at a later date as part of a surprise event for Mr. McClellan as opposed to being read at Town Meeting.

Mr. Paolillo made a motion approve the proclamation for John McClellan. Mr. Caputo

seconded.

Vote: 3-0-0

One Day Malt and Wine License for June 24, 2018

A one day malt and wine license was presented for approval. License would be granted to Lou Fabrizio and Thomas Mahoney, to be used at the Beech Street Center, 266 Beech Street on June 24, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Paolillo made a motion approve the one day license. Mr. Caputo seconded.

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion made by Mr. Paolillo to move into Executive Session for purposes of discussing contract negotiations relative to non-union staff. Mr. Caputo seconded.

Vote: Adam Dash, Aye; Thomas Caputo, Aye; Mark Paolillo, Aye.

The Board Entered Executive Session at 5:51 p.m.

Open session resumed at 6:03 p.m.

Art Specialties – Liquor License Amendment/Change of Hours

Jen Bonislawski , Co-Owner of Art Specialties was in attendance. Mr. Dash stated that the Board's biggest concern would be the reaction from the neighborhood to the change of hours. Mr. Dash indicated that the request was within the allowable hours limits. Ms. Bonislawski explained that she held a petition in support, did a door knocking campaign and spoke with many residents. She said a few neighbors had some hesitations, but otherwise it was an opportunity for them to introduce themselves to the residents and explain what they were about.

Mr. Paolillo made a motion approve the liquor license amendment to change the hours for Art Specialties. Mr. Caputo seconded.

Vote: 3-0-0

Town Hours Offices of Operation

Ms. Garvin gave an overview of the plan for summer hours and an overall plan to change the opening times of Town Hall and Homer Building.

She reviewed the past practice system of shortened lunches, etc. She explained that she did not find this to be a fair and equitable system. She then met with department heads to propose a late night one night per week with an early dismissal on Fridays. This type of system would benefit the residents and the employees.

Ms. Garvin explained that her office had conducted a poll of area communities and found that most of the surrounding communities have a late night. She indicated that this was the common trend.

The selectmen expressed their support and thought this would be very beneficial to residents needing to conduct business with the town who cannot get here during the current working

hours.

It was explained that this would be a trial run through November 2, to give employees the chance to experience their new commuting times both in the summer months and during the school year months when traffic patterns change.

Mr. Paolillo made a motion to authorize Patrice Garvin to sign the agreement implementing the modified hours for the trial period of June 11, 2018 to November 2, 2018. Mr. Caputo seconded. Vote: 3-0-0

Town Administrator Report

Discussion ensued about the promotion of the work off program for property taxes. The Assessors wanted this discussed at Town Meeting. The Board feels that it should be discussed by the Board of Selectmen in an open, public meeting. There was also discussion about changing the tax structure regarding absentee landlords.

Ms. Garvin indicated she would be on her first cable show and would be introducing and showcasing departments to the Town.

Ms. Garvin updated the Board on the latest Warrant Committee meeting. There were no other committee liaison reports.

Mr. Paolillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Caputo seconded. Vote: 3-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Porter, Human Resources Director