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TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Monday, June 16, 2017
8:45 AM

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 10-16-17

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 8:47 a.m. by Chair Jim Williams in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Mark Paolillo and Adam Dash were present. Interim Town Administrator Phyllis Marshall was also present.

Chair Williams turned to the first item on the agenda.

ACTION BY CONSENT

Approval of an Application of a Common Victualler's License from Christian Abouzeid of Belmont Books, Inc. 79 Leonard Street

Ms. Marshall explained that all of the departments have signed off on the application. Selectman Dash filed a *Conflict of Interest* statement concerning this issue. He knows the owner of the store, and his daughter will be working there this summer.

The Board moved: To approve the application for Belmont Books, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (2-0). (Selectman Dash recused himself from the vote.)

Chair Williams left the meeting at this point. Vice Chair Paolillo then turned to the next agenda item.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Recycling Day:** The DPW will hold a cardboard recycling day on Saturday, June 24 at the town yard.
- **Belmont Girls Rugby Team:** Congratulations to the team - they are state champs!
- **Committee Volunteer Interest:** Please sign up to serve on a committee by July 7. Selectman Dash added that he has drafted a set of new guidelines (best practices) for committee appointments. He would like to receive comments from the Department Heads by July 31. Selectman Paolillo supported these draft guidelines.
- **Meet Belmont Event:** This event will be held on Tuesday, August 29.
- **Pavement Management Project:** Several roads will be under construction in the coming months, please be aware.
- **Aram's Diner:** Congratulations to Aram on three decades of Diner service!
- **Brendan Grant Run:** This event will be held on Father's Day.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

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MEMORANDUM
Ms. Kate Bowen, Bartlett Ave. resident, expressed concern about the asphalt paving and the sidewalks on Bartlett Avenue because of the Safe Routes to School program. She briefly explained the Safe Routes program. Ms. Marshall noted that Community Development is looking into the road/sidewalk issue. The response may not conform to the residents' desires, she explained, but the issue is being addressed. Selectman Dash will meet with the residents to explore their concerns further.

Ms. Julie Crockett, Bartlett Ave., raised a concern about where the sidewalk money is being spent. Selectman Dash replied that he will seek more information on this matter. Selectman Paolillo explained the process by which the needy sidewalks across town are being prioritized.

Ms. Tammy Calise, Walnut Street, raised a concern about the speed of cars on Walnut Street. She requested that the street be considered for measures which might slow down the drivers. Selectman Paolillo noted that the Board sponsored an article that will support a 25-mile-an-hour speed limit town-wide. Selectman Dash suggested that she meet with the Traffic Advisory Committee to present her concerns.

Ms. Azra Nelson, Vincent Avenue, raised a concern about pedestrian safety along Vincent, Alma, Bartlett, Maple, Walnut and the intense traffic that passes through the area. Pedestrian safety in this neighborhood is not adequate. The Board assured her that this issue will be looked into.

Update from the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee - Myron Kassaraba

Mr. Myron Kassaraba, the Board's Representative on the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board. This is the fourth year of the flight path changes and increased number of planes flying over Belmont. He noted that in the past six weeks there have been even more flights and more noise over Belmont. Logan Runway 4R has been closed, resulting in more concentrated flight paths over Belmont. A study is underway to improve the noise/traffic situation. He noted that the purchase of the noise meter device was less helpful than anticipated.

The Board briefly discussed issues relating to airplane noise and traffic. The Board thanked Mr. Kassaraba for his efforts concerning this matter.

Update on Town Administrator (TA) Search Firm

Ms. Jessica Porter, HR Director, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the TA search. Ms. Porter noted that the RFP committee has completed its application review process. She recommended that two of the firms meeting RFP criteria be interviewed by the Board.

The Board discussed the interview/ranking process. Selectman Paolillo stated that he would like to know the firm's fee *before* he ranks the firms. Ms. Marshall explained the process: ranking is done first and then the firms' fees are assessed. If the fee is too high, the Board can factor that in to its selection process and perhaps negotiate the fee.

The Board explored issues relating to the search firm selection process as well as the interview format.

Mr. Widmer added that, in his experience, the Collins Center is an excellent search firm. They are extremely well experienced and are the cheapest.

Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Marshall reported on the following items:

- **June 26 Board meeting:** She reviewed the possible agenda items for the meeting, including: lottery sales, liquor license regulations, trash contract. The Board briefly discussed the licensing regulations concerning liquor and lottery sales.
- **June 19 Board meeting:** The Belmont Center Loading zone issue will be reviewed.

Committee Liaison Reports / Other

BHS Building Committee

Selectman Dash noted that the BHSBC Website will be live soon. The Designer/Architect selection process is well underway.

Community Preservation Act

Selectman Dash noted that the committee is discussing the application process.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The voting on minutes from the following meetings was deferred:

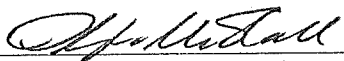
- March 24, 2017
- March 27, 2017

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room Town Hall

Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room Town Hall

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.


Ms. Phyllis Marshall, Interim Town Administrator

