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TOWN OF BELMONT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
Monday, March 2, 2015  
7:00 PM

APPROVED  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DATE: 4-6-2015

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Rojas in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Baghdady and Paolillo were present. Town Administrator David Kale was present; Assistant Town Administrator Marshall was not present.

**Moment of Silence**

Chair Rojas began by noting the recent passing of two Belmont residents: Mr. Robert Sullivan, retired Assistant Principal of Belmont High School, and Mr. John Joseph Tobin, a retired Town employee. Both men were revered and respected by many across town. He extended the condolences of the Board of Selectmen and paused for a moment of silence in memory of the individuals.

**Board of Survey – 863 Concord Ave.**

*The Board moved:* To convene as the Board of Survey in open session at 7:03 p.m.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Glenn Clancy (Town Engineer), Mr. Bill Hunt (applicant), Mr. Cliff Rober (Land Surveyor), and Mr. Al Gala (Civil Engineer) appeared before the Board concerning the property at 863 Concord Ave. Mr. Hunt, owner of the property, said he'd like to subdivide the property (to build two lots) and construct a road. Mr. Rober, with Mr. Gala, explained the details of the application, including the slope, drainage, access, and sewer issues. Mr. Clancy provided additional details on the proposed two-lot subdivision.

The Board expressed concern about the lack of sidewalks and the lack of space to pile snow. Mr. Clancy pointed out that there are currently no sidewalks on Concord Avenue, so constructing sidewalks along the proposed roadway would have little benefit.

Selectman Baghdady said that the Fire Department would need to sign off on the access in the event of an emergency, given that the access road is narrow.

Mr. Russell de Burlo (abutter), 855 Concord Ave., raised concerns about blind driveways and the steep curve on this section of Concord Ave. He read a statement summarizing his opposition to the proposed public access road. The statement also detailed his relationship with the previous owners. He suggested that the request be disapproved or at least tabled until it can be further discussed.

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~~The motion passed unanimously (3-0).~~

### **Reconvene as Board of Selectmen**

*The Board moved:* To reconvene as the Board of Selectmen at 7:38 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

### **QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

[There were none.]

### **ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

#### **Update: Logan Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Mr. Myron Kassaraba, Belmont's CAC Representative, appeared before the Board to provide a Logan Community Advisory Committee update. Mr. Kassaraba began by explaining that there has been an effort to use the Logan runways in a more proactive way – in order to reduce air traffic in the evening and early morning. Belmont is receiving some relief as a result of this change. He added that the FAA is fully aware of the noise complaints, but that they opted to see how the recent changes would play out. Arlington and Watertown are working together with Belmont on the issue of increased flight paths from runway 33 L and the additional noise. He explained how the flight path changes increased concentration in the paths out of town impact this vicinity. Flights between midnight and 6:00 a.m. are being handled differently. They are mostly international and are being directed over water; however, weather conditions could impact the route, allowing for overland flights.

Chair Rojas thanked Mr. Kassaraba for his efforts on this issue. The Board expressed its support for sending the proposed letter to the FAA.

*The Board moved:* To approve the sending of the letter from the Board of Selectmen to the FAA.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

#### **Request: Farmer's Market to use Claflin Street Parking Lot**

Ms. Suzanne Johannet, of the Belmont Farmer's Market, appeared before the Board to request to use of the Claflin Street parking lot for the upcoming Farmer's Market season. Ms. Johannet noted that the Farmer's Market is entering its tenth season, which will run Thursday afternoons from June 11 through October 29. She provided some background information on types of food products sold, SNAP incentives, and family participation associated with the event.

The impact of this request on the new Parking Management Plan was briefly discussed. Mr. Kale noted that, for this season, there should be minimal impact, but once the location of the

Macy's store is fully rented, this will need to be revisited.

The Board expressed its support for the Farmer's Market.

*The Board moved:* To approve the request to use the Claflin Street parking lot for the upcoming Farmer's Market season.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Request: Brendan Grant Foundation to host their Annual Brendan's Home Run 5K on Sunday, June 21, 2015**

Mr. Kale noted that this event is in its 14<sup>th</sup> year and has had the continued the support of the entire community as well as the support of the Police Department.

*The Board moved:* To approve the Brendan Grant Foundation's request to host the 14th Annual *Brendan's Home Run 5K* on Sunday, June 21, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- The Police Department made an arrest for heroin trafficking, among other charges. The Board briefly discussed the implications of this arrest. The Board thanked the Police Department as well as the anonymous donor for providing the funding for Officer Grim.
- The WC offered small changes to the Free Cash Guidelines. The Board will review it on March 16.
- The Department Head capital requests to the Capital Budget Committee are currently being reviewed. The Board will be provided the requests for their review. It was suggested that an explanation of departmental capital requests be part of the Budget presentations made to the Board of Selectmen.

**Committee Liaison Reports**

Warrant Committee/Override: Chair Rojas offered that the WC would like to see more information on where the money is going to be spent and specifically what is happening to the override money. Selectman Paolillo offered some details on how the money will be spent in year one and in year two. Chair Rojas added that information about the budget if the override does not pass also needs to be illuminated. The Superintendent has done this; the town side needs to as well.

The Board noted that there are additional outstanding committee appointments that will be done in the near future.

## **ACTION BY CONSENT**

**Application for a One-Day Liquor License: Emi's Eats Inc. d/b/a Kitchen on Common, 442 Common Street, Application for One Day Wine and Beer License to host a Wine Tasting Dinner on March 30, 2015**

*The Board moved:* To approve the one-day license request, details noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Application for a One-Day Liquor License: Foundation for Belmont Education Annual Fundraising Event on March 21, 2015; Belmont Hill School Jordan Athletic Center, 350 Prospect Street**

*The Board moved:* To approve the one-day license request, details noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chair Rojas read the "next meetings" section aloud.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Town Hall  
Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Beech Street Center, Precinct Meeting  
Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall  
Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Town Hall  
Monday, March 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Beech Street Center, Precinct Meeting

## **Executive Session**

*The Board moved:* To enter into executive session at 8:27 p.m. to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The Board will not return to open session.

A roll call vote was taken: Chair Rojas said aye, Selectman Baghdady and Paolillo also said aye and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

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Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator