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BELMONT SELECT BOARD MEETING

REMOTE MEETING

AUGUST 2, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Select Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Adam Dash. Vice Chair Roy Epstein and Select Board member Mark Paolillo were present, along with Town Administrator Patrice Garvin, Assistant Town Administrator Jon Marshall, Director of Community Development Glenn Clancy and Director of DPW Jay Marcotte.

[Dash announced that today's meeting and all future meetings will be held on Zoom due to the Delta variant. He also announced that the Belmont Media contract discussion will be tabled for a future meeting.]

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beech St. Events:

- Piano and Violin Concert on August 3rd at 1:15 pm.
- Summer BBQ on August 4th at noon with musical entertainment.
- Summertime Carnival Treats with Roberta Hing on Wed. August 11th from 1 pm – 2pm. Cost is \$10.
- Preserve Your Garden Tomatoes with Therapy Tomatoes held on August 18th at 10 am. Cost is \$10.

Contact the Beech St. Center at 617-993-2976 for more information or to register for events.

- Paolillo made a statement that there was a violent attack on a resident of our community. He has heard from the Human Rights Committee that there have been other incidents in Town and schools directed toward our residents. He said the Select Board condemns violence and discrimination in our Town and stated that criminal acts will be prosecuted. Dash said there will be a community forum in the future to air issues about these human rights issues.

Other event reminders:

- Public Forum on Tanks at DPW on August 3rd at 7 pm (remote).
- Public Forum on August 18th at 7 pm on the use of Federal Aid money (remote)
- Purple Heart Ceremony will be held this Saturday.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a. Light on Goden St.

Garvin said that she has been getting calls about the light on Goden St. and the Middle and High School building project. She said she has been talking to the Chair of the High School Building Committee and they are working to convene a public meeting to discuss the issue.

b. August Bulletin

The Town Administrator's August bulletin will be posted tomorrow.

c. Jeffrey Wheeler's Memorial Bench Update

Placement of bench to memorialize long time Town employee, Jeffrey Wheeler was approved. There is a planned ceremony for early September. This project is funded through public donations.

d. Finance Director Position Update

Garvin is developing a job description for the new Finance Director position. The salary range is \$105K to \$150K.

Paolillo asked about Community Compact grants. Garvin reported that If this grant is available, she will submit an application for that funding.

e. Personnel Update

There have been a number of questions to the Select Board concerning the appointment of Town Accountant (Glen Castro). Garvin is supporting that decision and appointment. A search process for the position was undertaken and current Town employees were asked to apply. There were seven internal applicants and the Administrator's and Treasurer's Department determined that Glen Castro was the most qualified applicant. Glen Castro has been getting \$250 extra per week until the appointment became active on July 22nd

Garvin announced that there was an external posting for the position on MMA, the Town website and Monster.com from October to mid November 2020. Paolillo asked if it was possible for the Select Board to see the applications, but Garvin said she could not do that without the consent of the applicants. Paolillo said he will not share any of this info publicly. Paolillo asked if there is a requirement that the Town Accountant be certified? Shawna Healey will get back to Board on that issue. Shawna said the offer letter for Castro included a deadline for his certification. They Select Board feels that Castro met expectations for the position.

f. Tree Warden Update

Tom Walsh, previous Tree Warden, retired this past winter. He was a contracted employee budgeted for 10 hours per week for \$31K. The Tree Warden FY22 budget line was reduced to \$20K and Marcotte contacted eight communities about sharing the Tree Warden position and all of them turned down the offer. The Shade Tree committee, Tom Walsh, the DPW Director and Assistant DPW Director agree that a full-time Tree Warden is needed but given the circumstances, Garvin recommends that Marcotte and Santoro serve temporarily in this role. They will each get \$200 per week extra for their responsibilities in this role. The additional compensation acknowledges that overtime hours will be required for the work to be completed.

Paolillo thinks we need a part time contracted arborist or full-time employee in this position in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS about Town Administrator's Report

Maryann Aboosaber is happy to hear there will be a Public Forum on the light at Goden St. She said there are lots of noise and vibrations from 4 am to late evening in that area. She said she recently heard that there will be no new pavement installed until 2023. She would like to ask the Board to find a solution for this concern.

Ali Boroumand said he believes because this is a public project the school is taking the liberty to make quick decisions. The intersection will change Goden and Concord St. forever. Committees should not be making these decisions without input. He thinks that the Public Forum is also a part of the process.

Jin Xu wants to state opposition to a Town-wide mask mandate. She feels these mandates erode trust in government and institutions. We know that vaccinated can still get COVID but the chances for hospitalization are less probable. It's scary to hear about the Delta variant, but death rates are lower than ever due to vaccine. We have to accept that COVID is a seasonal disease. We are never going to be 100% immune and it's not going to go away with masking. She would like to see a focus on preventing the virus in the vulnerable.

ACTION BY CONSENT

Discussion on Fuel Tank Public Forum, August 3, 2021

- Tabled until next meeting.

Public Hearing – Petition of ExteNet Systems, Inc. for Grant of Location for a new streetlight fixture and all necessary internal antenna assembly equipment, located at 84 Statler Road

Dash opened the Public Hearing.

- Mr. Robinson from ExteNet reported that his company is applying to install an antenna on a new street light with radio equipment in the base of the pole. The new pole will provide wireless service and a new street light at the location. He said ExteNet worked with Belmont Light to select the amended location. Robinson said the new location provides better vehicular visibility.
- Sam Osmanovic, from Belmont Light, reported that the old location posed a safety issue for vehicles due to vision issues. The wide base of the pole, made it an easy target for snow plows. It was decided that moving the installation to the Channing Road straightaway is a much safer location. The new location is 18 feet from originally proposed location. The pole is on the corner of Statler and Channing.
- Dash asked the applicant whether they would agree to change the active date of the application to reflect the later, revised application filing date, and have the shot clock begin from that later date. Robinson agreed. Dash wants to make sure people know about the revised application with enough lead time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS on ExteNet application:

Charles Napoli, (229 Channing Road) said if he looks out his front door, he looks out at this pole. He is concerned that there is radiation coming out of it. He asked why it can't be located in front of the high school? He said his house shakes with the ongoing construction. They are talking about a bike path behind his house and now a light pole in his front yard.

- Robinson said that radio frequency engineers could answer about the emissions question. He stated that all poles comply with federal regulations. This location was changed to address the snow plow concern. He also replied they are also installing a concrete curb and Belmont Light maintains the pole.
- Dash said that, under the Federal Telecommunications Act, the Town is not able to deny an installation of this nature due to health reasons if applicants have met the federal requirements. The Town is not putting the installation there, and is limited to what it can deny.
- Epstein asked about the closest house to the pole and why a concrete curb was being installed. Other parts of Town are using granite curbing instead of concrete. Robinson said he would find out if ExteNet could use granite curbing.
- Sam Osmancevic from Belmont Light said the concrete curb request came from him because he thought it would better protect the wide base of the pole, but granite could be substituted for concrete. Robinson reported that the distance to nearest house is 30 feet. Robinson explained that the upgrade to the network is needed for additional 4G service updates. The carriers are implementing small cell networks for residential settings.
- Paolillo wants to know if the person at 84 Statler Road was notified? Paolillo would not be comfortable approving this until 84 Statler Road has been notified. As it was not clear whether notice had gone to the owner of 84 Statler Road, Dash suggested leaving the public forum open until the next meeting so that the residents at 84 Statler Road can be definitively notified.
- Dash said the Town will have to send out new notices about the public hearing.

Alison Lenk, Town Meeting member, Pct. 8, said that when she spoke to the daughter of the resident at 84 Statler Road, and she wasn't aware of the installation.

Lenk also has become aware that blue lighting is being used in street lights, she asked if the street light would be a bright LED blue light?

- Osmanovic said they were planning to use the LED blue light in the pole. However, he said the Town lights have a Kelvin rating of 3K which means the lights are not as bright as other LED lights you may see in other towns. Research has shown that a 3K Kelvin light is safe for the public and environment.

Paul Rolston lives at 87 Statler Road. He said the daughter of the resident at 84 Statler Rd. did not know about the public hearing. He called to support Napoli's request to not have a light installed at the new location. He feels the light pole is not needed.

Marie Warner, Town Meeting member, Pct. 6 asked why the pole can't be placed on commercial property or on the roof of the High School? She asked what other alternatives were considered that were not residential?

- Robinson said the location was proposed by the network engineers to meet a coverage need. There is not a commercial area near enough to meet coverage for this area.

Charles Napoli said the location of the light, it is very close to their garage. He asked the Select Board to drive by the proposed areas. The lady who is there is elderly, and she cannot comment on subject.

John Hugler said you can't see at that intersection anyway and kids have almost been hit multiple times and the pole will make it worse.

- Robinson said that given ExteNet radius requirements, this location is the best location to serve customers in this area.

Jennifer Burgess said her family lives on Channing. Why are we looking at this area when there are so many other places that are less populated to put the poles? She would hope people could reconsider different options.

- Christopher Meyer, ExteNet engineer, said these are targeted nodes and the objective is to offload network capacity. People in that area are using their phones a lot and this creates a congested network. Putting it across the tracks on a larger building would not suffice to upgrade capacity.
- Jon Marshall said that the notice mailing list does not include 84 Statler Rd. because of how the data was pulled. Dash said we are going to have to republish and have a new date to continue the public hearing.

Charles Napoli asked if the Town is getting any revenue from this pole? Osmancevic answered that per licensing agreement, the annual fee is \$270 and there is a one-time fee of \$1,000 collected by the Town. Belmont Light will acquire ownership of the pole.

- Epstein wants to clarify whether the regulations is a 10 feet restriction from the house or the garage? Dash checked the regulations and, under the small cell licensing feature, the rule is that features be not less than 10 feet from the house.
- Sam Osmancevic said it's up to the Town to decide whether a street light is needed at the site
- Paolillo asked the reasons that AT&T needs to enhance the coverage in this area? Dash agreed the burden is on the vendors to justify the need for the additional installation.
- Dash said we will leave this public hearing open until 7:30 pm on Aug. 16th so that key players can be notified. He asked that evidence be produced at that meeting to explain the importance of the installation.

Tanks Public Forum

- Dash said the expectation was for the Town to present the DPW Tanks analysis in September 2021. The Public Forum tomorrow night will present an opportunity to hear from residents about the Tanks. He expects that Glenn Clancy will do a presentation. The Town may need to have a second forum before Fall Town meeting, so the Select Board does not plan to vote on this issue at this time.
- Glenn Clancy said he plans to present a road map at the public forum that outlines elements of the project. His presentation will focus on the insurance and the environmental aspects of the issue. The goal of the forums is info sharing and consensus. He expects that another forum on the tank issue will be likely.

Housing Trust Update

- A presentation was made by Betsy Lipson and Rachel Heller (co-chairs of the Housing Trust) which provided a history and update on the activities of the Housing Trust.
- Betsy Lipson said that the Housing Production Plan (HPP) was a five-year plan approved in 2018 and developed with public input. The plan was developed to achieve 337 new units to meet the

10% State benchmark required under Chapter 40B. We have since realized that Belmont has more need than the 10% State benchmark.

Presentation: Belmont's Housing Future: A Town of Homes for All.

1) Belmont's Housing Production Plan (HPP) overriding goal is to provide housing for:

- a. Seniors (largest need in Belmont)
- b. Newly formed families
- c. Lower income households.

The five proposed strategies combine commercial with residential development:

1. Renovating existing housing.
2. Utilizing underutilized sites.
3. Leverage public land.
4. Using Community Act Preservation funds creatively.
5. Community education and outreach

2) Housing affordability

- Housing prices are sky rocketing. 1 in 4 households in Belmont are eligible for affordable housing (make less than 80% of the area median income).
- 82 residents were enrolled in the Belmont Housing Trust Emergency rental program during the COVID pandemic. This program helped people stay in their homes. 2/3 of the people who enrolled have incomes lower than 30% AMI. Belmont is making progress in increasing stock of affordable housing.

3) What kinds of housing?

- Belmont has been making progress over the last three years in working towards the goals of the Housing Production Plan. Updating inclusionary zoning was important. The McLean proposal has one more affordable unit than it would have before zoning was updated.
- The COVID-19 rental assistance program was needed and we were able to provide the resources necessary for needy families. But we still need more housing and we need to keep up the momentum. Gov. Baker's report said that the Commonwealth needs 200K new homes in Massachusetts by 2030. Every community needs to put in place zoning and diverse housing choices.

4) What opportunities are there to keep moving forward?

- New state law requires every community serviced by the MBTA to have one area where multi-family zoning is suitable for families of children. The goal is for diversity and mobility while preserving open space.
- There is Interest for approving accessory dwelling units. This provides another housing opportunity.
- The Housing Trust would like to see the ARPA federal recovery plan funds be used for affordable housing to help close the racial gap. These funds can be used for public housing stock and can be combined with Community Preservation Act funds for more affordable housing. She hopes

the Select Board will support a portion of ARPA funds going toward affordable housing. We have a stronger community when everyone can have safe, affordable homes.

- The Town has made progress on the Safe Harbor requirements, Belmont is currently listed at 6.5% of the 10% benchmark. Once McLean and Waverly Square developments are completed, only 119 more homes will need to be developed to get to Safe Harbor level. Belmont is aiming at 13% to keep up with census numbers.
- Paolillo said that if 24.6% of Belmont are able to qualify for affordable housing then we need to do more. Paolillo suggested that we may need to develop a road map that includes timelines to help move the goals of the project forward.
- All the above information can be found on the Housing Trust website.
- The forum on ARPA funds will be held on August 18th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Anderson asked about the Town Administrator's report. Will there be an update on the Finance Administration search? He also asked which college the current Town Accountant attended?

- Garvin answered that she is currently in the middle of the job search for Finance Administrator and they will post it in MMA and other municipal finance related organizations. Garvin said the job description asks for a minimum qualification of a Bachelors' Degree in accounting or economics or any equivalent of job experience.
- Epstein answered that an outside search was done for the new Town Accountant and the best candidate, after review, was Glen Castro.

Geoff Lubien said he worked with Glen Castro on the Financial Task Force and he feels he is very competent. He is worried about a trend of residents second guessing Town hires. There are procedures put in place and as long as the Board is following the rules, the ultimate decision is made by the Select Board.

Jennipher Burgess commented that Bill Anderson was simply asking a question and she felt the response was harsh. Garvin replied that some of the questions asked about Castro go beyond what is appropriate.

COVID Update – Mask order discussion

- Wes Chin, Director of the Health Department, and Donna David, Director of the Board of Health provided a brief update on the COVID rates in Belmont. Chin reported that after 22 days without a new case, Belmont experienced 20 new COVID cases after July 4th. Half of the cases are considered breakthrough cases. So far, there have been no hospitalizations or deaths with these cases. For anyone who is hesitant about getting a vaccine, he wants to confirm that the vaccines are doing their jobs by reducing the severity of the virus.
- Donna David reported that the Board of Health is recommending masking when schools open.
- Dash said the Governor has left the mask mandate protocol up to the towns, and the Town will have to decide how to proceed.
- Paolillo said he doesn't want to mandate masks for restaurants and other businesses at this time. But he thinks that because we can't require employees to be vaccinated, that we should

issue a mask mandate in public buildings. He would also like to see a requirement that any future Town committee meetings be virtual.

- Chin said the new breakthrough cases seem to be affecting younger and healthier people than the previous surges.
- Donna David said the mask topic will be discussed at next week's Board of Health meeting, but for now, she says the Board of Health members are in agreement about extending the mask recommendations to all public places. She said we have to make sure that vaccinated people don't transfer the virus.
- Epstein commented that residents don't spend much time in public buildings. He's wondering if we should wait and see before we make a decision about mandating masks in Town buildings because the mandate would have a minimal effect on COVID transmission.
- Dash suggested that a mask mandate be put in place today for Town buildings and the Select Board can strongly recommend that people wear masks and practice social distancing outside of Town buildings. The group agreed that the mask policy for schools should be separate from Town policy.
- David reported that the Board of Health has been in communication with the School Committee about mask wearing and the Board of Health will attend the School Committee meeting on Aug. 10th.
- Garvin confirmed that the plastic shields in Town buildings were still in place. She will check on COVID cleaning protocols with David Blazon, Facilities Director. She said that the Town is currently researching outside contractors for the cleaning program.
- Epstein said if we are going to institute COVID measures, we need some time to think it through. Garvin feels the mask question needs to be discussed at the Board of Health level before implemented. The Town Building has many PPE supplies left over from last mandate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS on mask mandates:

Elshad Kasumov, Town Meeting member, pct. 6 said we need to protect the residents and he supports a Town mask mandate. The virus has doubled from October of last year before we had the vaccine and the Select Board is responsible for Town residents. He believes we are still in a pandemic, only in a different phase. Transmission has increased and vaccinated people can spread it without knowing. The sense of security is escalating transmission. Vaccinated people should wear masks.

Mariola Magovcevic said she would like to see a Town-wide mask mandate. We don't want to be in a red zone when the children start school. Cases are doubling in Massachusetts. David reported that, currently, Belmont has a 2.4% positivity rate which is getting closer to the 5% danger zone. The Board of Health is ready to hold an emergency meeting.

- Epstein said if data gets worse quickly, then the Town can be ready to make an adjustment. He doesn't want to negatively affect businesses before we are in a true red zone.
- Dash said he feels comfortable mandating masks in Town buildings and strongly recommending masking indoors. Town boards and committees should not be permitted to meet in person.
- Paolillo doesn't want to wait two weeks to make a final mask decision. He would like to hold another meeting on Friday, if necessary.

Motion was made to mandate mask wearing in all Town public buildings for both residents and employees effective Wednesday, August 4, 2021. No in-person committee or board meetings will be allowed. The Select Board strongly recommends that residents practice social distancing and mask wearing indoors in private establishments. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Update and discussion of trash and rodents in Town

[This is a continuation of a prior meeting discussion.]

- Wes Chin reported that over the last couple of weeks, he has had contact with the property owner in question. When he visited the property, he was accompanied by a concerned and active neighbor. Since the last Select Board discussion about this issue, the homeowner worked with a direct abutter to perform yard maintenance. Chin said that this is a great example of residents working together in a neighborly way.
- Jay Marcotte reported that before they did any upgrades to trash receptacles and pick up schedules, the DPW added more traps to the park and a pest control specialist was hired to offer advice. Marcotte said he is currently investigating the lead of a resident to see if a Cambridge site can be identified as a source.
- Marcotte said the barrels will not be changed until he explores other possible sources.
- Susan and Paul Griffin thanked the Select Board for helping to make this a successful outcome. Ben Geiger has worked with the abutter in question and the rat situation has improved. The Griffins thanked Wes Chin for his assistance.

Approval of Department of Public Works contract for Cement Concrete Sidewalk and Granite Curbing for FY 22 to N. Sacca & Sons, Inc., of Arlington, MA in the amount of \$201,505.00

- Jay Marcotte said that this is similar to other annual contracts. The Town DPW estimates how many materials we are going to use for the year and then we go out to bid. There were two bids received after bids were opened on June 3, 2021. Sacca came in at lower bid so DPW has decided to use them.

Motion was made to approve the contract with N. Sacca and Sons, of Arlington, MA for cement concrete sidewalk and granite curbing for FY22 in the amount of \$201,505. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion and possible vote to renew agreement with Belmont Media Center

- This discussion will be postponed until August 6, 2021.

Proclamation in honor of India's 74th Independence Day

- Tanu Basu spoke as a representative from the India Association of Greater Boston. India is celebrating its 74th Independence Day celebration. The Indian Flag will be raised in commemoration of this event in 41 Massachusetts towns. On August 15th, there will be a celebration at the Hatch Shell in Boston. Ms. Basu expressed her gratitude towards Belmont for the willingness to read the proclamation.

[Epstein read the proclamation.]

- The Select Board proclaimed that India Day be celebrated on August 15th. The Select Board encourages all residents to celebrate the 74th anniversary of India's independence.

Motion was made to adopt the proclamation in honor of India's 74th Independence Day. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion and possible vote on handicap access parking policy

- Garvin said a consultant versed in ADA laws helped draft the new policy with the help of a grant. The Select Board will need to approve the new policy.
- The Select Board thanked Jon Marshall for his work on this policy and agreed that the policy generally seems fine. The Transportation Advisory Committee will review applications for eligibility and make recommendations to the Select Board for approval.
- The Select Board discussed the policy and agreed that language would be modified in the following places:
 - Dash said the first bullet about written permission for structural improvement may not be relevant. Permission request should go to the land owner, but they should not have the ability to veto it.
 - Dash would like to change the page 2 section about adding review of applications from "the next Select Board meeting" to be at a future meeting "at the Chair's discretion."
 - Epstein suggested that the paragraph on application eligibility, should say a "current disability placard."
 - Epstein said since we can't anticipate every circumstance, he would like the policy to say the "Select Board may" approve application instead of "shall".

Motion was made to approve the Handicapped Access parking policy as amended by the Select Board. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

FY21 COVID related expenses – review and possible vote of funding source

- Garvin said her office needs to close out the books for FY21 and send to the Board of Revenue so that the Town can determine the free cash amount. Garvin reported that in FY21, the Town received \$300K of CARES funding for COVID related expenses. After utilizing the CARES money according to proscribed rules, there is a \$200K balance for the schools and \$1K balance for the Town in the FY21 budget. The Warrant Committee and Treasurer's Office are recommending carrying forward the \$1.3M ARPA money to FY22 and spending \$200K of the operating budget instead of having it flow to free cash.
- Garvin confirmed that no motion is necessary. She just wanted to apprise the community and Select Board of the issue.

Accept resignation from Website Renewal Committee member, Ian Rosenblum

Motion was made to accept the resignation of Ian Rosenblum from the website renewal committee. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Possible Committee Appointments:

a. Cultural Council

- There are three open vacancies and three applicants for the Cultural Council.

Motion was made to appoint Nancy Linde currently serving on the Cultural Council from a voting to non-voting member. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Annette Goodro currently serving on the Cultural Council from a non-voting to voting member. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Kathleen Hagen and Gloria Pimental to the Cultural Council as voting members for a two-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

b. Human Rights Commission

- There are five applicants for two seats on the Human Rights Commission.
- It was agreed that a reappointment of Jess Hicks and Lara Guzman-Hosta be made to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term.

Motion was made to appoint Lara Guzman-Hosta and Jess Hicks to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

c. Economic Development Committee

- Kathryn Venzke and Emma Thurston are seeking reappointment.
- Susan Schalow is not seeking reappointment.
- Replacing Susan Schalow may be a challenge because the seat requires the applicant to be a business owner in the community. Jon Marshall said that there was one applicant who met this requirement, but he has withdrawn.

Motion was made to appoint Emma Thurston and Kathryn Venzke to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

- Jon Marshall said they he would do outreach for the other opening. Dash said if you are a resident business owner, please consider applying.

d. Youth Commission

- There are nine applicants for six spots on the Youth Commission.
- Recommendations were made by a current staff member for Heidi Wickersham, Alaina Lesser, Anya Chen, Agnes Chen, Laura Zeng and Chris Bauge.
- Gavin Farrell and ZenZhen Zhang are seeking reappointment.
- Joanna Tzouvelis has expressed interest in this, and several other, committees.
- There is a limit of 12 members. Only three appointments are expiring in 2022.
- The Select Board members agreed to remove Rose Sanhueza because she hasn't attended meetings in a year.

Motion was made to remove Rose Sanhueza from the Youth Commission due to lack of attendance. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Anya Chen and Chris Bauge to the Youth Commission for a one-year appointment. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Gavin Farrell, Joanna Tzouvelis, and ZenZhen Zhang to the Youth Commission for a two-year appointment. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Heidi Wickersham to the Youth Commission for a three-year appointment. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Alaina Lesser, Agnes Chen and Laura Zeng to the Youth Commission for a two-year appointment. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

e. Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

- There are five applications for four slots and all new applicants are here to make a statement. Two people are not seeking reappointment.

Motion was made to appoint Larry McDonald to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Candidate statements:

Jim Borden is a resident on Oliver Road which is a frequent cut through from Brighton. He is an educator and he has a focus on accessibility and equity. He also has a new baby and he feels he understands the need for updating sidewalks.

Daniel Eldridge lives on Pete St. and he uses all types of Town transportation. He also has school age children and has worked with CPA Preservation Act project.

Lawrence Link is a runner and commutes on buses. He has experience on the Lexington Traffic Advisory Committee. He has been involved on the Working Group for the High School. He would like to see promotion of safe walking and biking. He feels he brings a quantitative view to qualitative issues.

Ken Lind lives near Chenery Middle School and he has daughters attend that school. He is interested in making Belmont traffic safer and he has been following Town projects with that goal in mind. His background is in computational chemistry and he has data science skills.

David Coleman, member of TAC, thanked people for applying. He thinks all applicants are quality applicants.

Motion was made to appoint Daniel Eldridge and Larry Link to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Ken Lind to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a two-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

- Jon Marshall announced that they are still looking for members for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Skating Rink Financing Committee.

SELECT BOARD'S COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- High School Traffic Working Group met last week and there is intent to write an end-of-year report to review recommendations after school opens in September.


- Epstein reported that the High School Traffic Working Group has been hearing many concerns about Lower Goden St. The High School Building Committee will hold a public meeting on August 11th to talk about traffic at this intersection. Hopefully the Select Board can discuss the issues at their Aug. 16th meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from July 12, 2021 as amended. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



PATRICE GARVIN, Town Administrator

