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BELMONT SELECT BOARD MEETING
SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

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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, Town Counsel George Hall, Acting Town Accountant Glen Castro, Director of DPW Jay Marcotte, Director of Community Development Glenn Clancy and Director of Health Department Wes Chin.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Time of Use Forum by Belmont Light Board to discuss rates proposal will be held on July 26.
- Public Forum about DPW Tanks will be held on August 3.
- Federal Aid Forum to discuss use of ARPA federal aid money will be held on August 18.

All above meetings will be held in the Select Board meeting room and hybrid at 7 pm.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

[NONE.]

ACTION BY CONSENT

Discussion of signs on Town owned property

Questions arose about a Black Lives Matter sign that was hung within the Farmer's Market.

- Hal Shubin, organizer of the Farmer's Market, said he feels it's clear that the Black Lives Matter sign is the opinion of the Farmer's Market, and not that of the Town. Shubin said there are signs about the SNAP Federal Food stamp program at the Farmer's Market and no one has complained about that.
- Dash said that we should establish a policy about parameters around signage in general.
- Epstein commented that the SNAP signs are directly related to the Farmer's Market and Black Lives Matter is not directly related. He said we need to be aware of the legal principles entailed.
- George Hall, Town Counsel, joined the discussion. He said that the Town has to treat everyone equally. He also said that the Town has to be careful that the space does not turn into a billboard. He suggested establishing a policy that limits signage.
- Suzanne Johanett said they moved the sign to the Manager's tent at the Farmer's Market and she thinks the placement makes it clear that it was an expression of the Farmer's Market and Food Collaborative. Shubin said the objective of the signage is to let people know it's an open and welcoming place.
- George Hall agreed that the placement of the sign does clearly show that its vendor related.

- Paolillo asked because the space is permitted, isn't it up to the vendor to put up signs during the permitted time?
- Hall explained that you're not licensing expression, you're licensing the Farmer's Market and it's important to be consistent and treat all members of the public the same way.
- Epstein said the main question is how do we handle another event different than the Farmer's Market and does a third Party at Farmer's Market have the right to demand that they put up their own sign?
- Hall said no public forum rules would allow a third party to post signs. And what you decide here does not carry forward to other properties.
- Epstein asked if the barricade was as much the Farmer's Market property as the tent? The parameters for a policy is still not clear.
- Paolillo asked if the Board could agree that the Farmer's Market sign is fine to post inside the tent area until we work toward a policy. Shubin said that this would work.
- Hall said the issue centers around physical location, not the content of sign.
- Patrice Garvin and George Hall will work to create a policy on signage.

Public Hearing for Verizon Grant of Location for Conduit on Concord Ave, Job #1A4V5AB

- Verizon representative, Bill Wallace, announced that the proposal is in place for a new underground conduit from Concord Ave to St. James Court (new subdivision). This could cause a disruption of traffic across Concord Ave. Wallace said the work would require police details, but he expects it would only take one day. The scheduled work has no exact date yet, but a home is for sale and one is under construction and two are complete.

[Dash opened the discussion to public comment. No comments were made.]

Motion was made to approve on Concord Ave one new 4-inch pvc conduit, 30 feet easterly from existing pole, P.17-97A. Said pole is located on the westerly side of Concord Ave. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion of upcoming public hearing (08/02/2021) and review of application for Grant of Location for a new streetlight fixture, as well as all necessary internal antenna assembly equipment, Statler Road

Colin Robinson, representative from ExteNet, the network building consultants, talked about the public hearing. Robinson said, after a few hearings with Belmont residents, they are proposing a new location for the streetlight pole. The project entails a 4G antenna rollout that will become 5G at a later point. The pole will provide enhanced service for ATT customers in that area. Rosanna Fronte from ExteNet explained that this is being installed to keep up with demand for data.

Greg Spinale from Belmont Light said ExteNet had approached Belmont Light about installing equipment on street light poles. He said Belmont Light has a master agreement with ExteNet for this. In this location there was opposition from residents and another spot across the street was identified where a street light was needed as well. The pole will be installed by ExteNet and when construction is complete, Belmont Light will own the infrastructure. A public hearing will be held on this installation on August 2nd. Rosanna said that she would be available to bring any information residents request in advance of the public hearing.

[Dash opened the discussion to public comment. No comments were made.]

Energy Committee Update

- Marty Bitner and James Booth, from the Belmont Energy Committee, supplied an update to the Board on the recent activities undertaken by the committee:
 - The non-binding Fossil Free Resolution passed in Town meeting. They are now working with other towns to push state legislation to encourage fossil free construction.
 - They are interacting with McLean development on the energy plans for the new building. The plan for the apartment building is to have mostly electric development, with the exception of hot water heating.
 - They are keeping tabs on the Chenery Middle School solar panels installation.
 - They hosted a home electrification event, with 85 attendees, jointly with Belmont Light to inform residents about sustainable installation.
 - They did a study on electric vehicles in the Town using tax identification info. New vehicles registered in the Town in 2020 comprise 9% electric vehicles.
 - Metropolitan Area Planning Council obtained a grant to provide assistance to Belmont to enhance the Climate Action Plan and Belmont Light's Strategic Plan. They want to start conducting interviews with stakeholders in Town about furthering the Climate Action Road Map.
- Paolillo asked what the Select Board could do to help move the Climate Road map forward? He feels that Belmont is falling behind in these goals.
- Marty Bitner said he would like the Energy Committee to be informed ahead of time when plans for new buildings are being made. He also would like to see an electric vehicle replace retired gas vehicles whenever possible.
- Marty said that within the next few years, electric options will be increasing. Spinale said the newest vehicles in their fleet are hybrid. He added that employee safety has to be considered with some of the new vehicles.
- Roger Wrubel, Energy Committee member, said that electric garbage trucks and school buses are now being produced. When the Town contracts for expired services, he would like to see the RFPs require a percentage of electric vehicles.

Discussion and possible vote of formation of the Age Friendly Action Committee

- Nava Niv-Vogel asked the Select Board to approve the Age Friendly Action Committee. This committee would be commissioned to work on a five-year Action Plan.
- Dash said we need to come up with a charge. This would be a separate charge from the prior Age Friendly Committee. The prior Age Friendly Committee was created to develop the Action Plan. The new committee would be charged with implementing the Action Plan. Some of the current members of the Age Friendly Committee could volunteer for the new committee.
- Dash said that the Select Board has to decide the number of members who will comprise the committee.
- Niv-Vogel said that originally it made sense for the Health Department to be involved, but since the final Action Plan focuses less on health, and more on walkability and alternative transportation, it may make more sense for the DPW to be involved. She feels that the Library would be involved because of their communication role. Also, the Recreation Dept, Council on

Aging, Housing Trust, and Public Safety should be included due to the short term action plan of creating safe housing.

- Dash asked Nava Niv-Vogel to work with Patrice Garvin to coordinate the creation of the new group by September 2021.

Discussion and possible vote to appoint the Town Accountant

- Garvin reported that Glen Castro has been an employee of the Town of Belmont since 2010. His current position is Acting Town Accountant. Floyd Carman and Jon Marshall have worked closely with Glen and have reported his significant growth. Garvin is asking that Castro be made the permanent Town Accountant. She said he will have his certified public account license when he comes before the Select Board again in 3 years.
- Dash asked Glen why he is interested in doing role permanently. Glen said he wants to be able to have experience in year-end closeout because it would enable him to shift from a budgetary to an accounting scope and it would give him the chance to follow the full cycle of the budget.
- Dash thanked him for filling in as the Acting Town Accountant and commended him for his performance in that role.
- Shawna Healey, HR Director, reported that Castro has worked hard over the last few months and will continue to work hard to get the certification in three years. She said his appointment will not have a contract attached to it.
- Epstein said there is general praise about Castro's work. In addition to securing his certification, he urged him to participate in professional development, like conferences.
- Paolillo suggested that his appointment letter include the aforementioned goals.

Motion was made to appoint Glen Castro to a three-year term as Town Accountant pending the issuance of an appointment letter on the terms as outlined by the Select Board. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion and possible vote to appoint the Tree Warden

- Tom Walsh retired as Tree Warden after serving the Town for 40+ years. Garvin reached out to other communities to see if they could regionalize this position because the Town budget doesn't include a Tree Warden. She was not able to find any towns that were willing to share this position, so it was decided that Jay Marcotte will take on the responsibility of Tree Warden, assisted by Mike Santoro. She said the Shade Tree Committee endorsed this decision.
- Marcotte said that he originally thought the position could be shared with another community, however, he learned that Belmont is the only community without a full-time Tree Warden. The State law of Massachusetts states that municipalities must have a Tree Warden. Marcotte believes he has a good sense of the requirements of the position. He said he would take a course and he will take the certification test for Tree Warden in September. A stipend would be provided for the extra work.
- Paolillo is concerned that Santoro and Marcotte are very busy. He would only be comfortable with Marcotte taking on the position on a temporary basis. He reminded everyone that Belmont has 15K trees. He would like to see a permanent solution in the next 12 to 18 months.

- Tom Walsh, the retiring Tree Warden, endorsed the decision. He said the crew he has worked with have a good sense of tree planting and he feels safe that things would be done properly. He said he would be happy to be available to answer any questions.
- Epstein asked what the strategy would be for identifying and removing diseased trees. Marcotte said that the Town can't take down all trees when they need to be taken down. He said they use a 50 percent degradation policy. He explained that decisions are often made due to funding availability.

Motion was made to appoint Jay Marcotte to the temporary position of Tree Warden. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

[The Select Board presented Tom Walsh with a small tree to thank him for his many years of service.]

Discussion of trash and rodents in Town

- Dash said this has been a long time issue in the parks. The Town removed the barrels, put up signs asking people to carry out trash, and tried other things, but groups using the park did not comply and trash continues to be a problem. More frequent emptying of trash barrels requires overtime, and without the override, we don't have the funds.
- Wes Chin and Jay Marcotte were present to talk about the issue and Dash invited the public to make comments.
- Paul and Susan Griffin from the Grove St. Park area said that in the last few years, there has been an explosion of the problem. The Belmont Board of Health came out to evaluate the situation and give pointers about what to do to control the rodent problem. The Griffins hired a professional, but there is still a problem because they feel that the source is in the park and in one nearby private property. They asked if DPW could leave the same trash receptacles that they have on weekends in the park during the weekday? Susan Griffin said that they see rats in early afternoon and morning. She believes that there are two property owners who seem to be the original source. There is no agreement from these property owners to terminate the rats. They would like to see the Town and community work together on this issue.
- Wes Chin said the typical way of addressing the rat problem is to map a pattern. He reports that he has heard less complaints this year than recent years. He said the Town offers free, basic inspections and then they point out any attracting sources. If it's a problem that requires more force, then he said the Town has the power to require that the resident hire a professional. Last week, the Health Department staff walked around the Grove St. area and reported that the lids are on the trash cans. Bait boxes have been strategically located and they are working with the neighbor to resolve the issue.
- Paolillo said maybe they could leaflet the neighborhood? We need to inform residents about what attracts the rodents.
- Dash asked what power can be leveraged by the Town? Wes said the Health Department can issue fines. Susan Griffin asked what would motivate that? Wes said when they first learned about the problem, an order letter was issued to the neighbor. He said they knocked on the neighbor's door and walked through the property with them and it sounded like they were working with an abutting neighbor to mitigate the problem using dry ice. He said they have asked for updates but haven't heard back.

- Epstein said if you can prove the property is the source, then we should be able to use any means possible.
- Chin said the Health Department doesn't have the authority to walk on the property. He said they are trying to gather evidence but he doesn't have enough evidence to prove it is the source and he needs evidence to go to court.
- Ben Geiger from Annis Road said the metal trash cans are not closed and rodents can go into slats inside the barrel. He said he hired a private exterminator, who claimed that the source is the trash barrels in the park. He tried putting dry ice at entrances but then new entrances arise. He is asking that the Town provide non-financial help.
- Epstein thinks that we need to discuss the issue with Town Counsel. The property identified as a possible source is very dense with vegetation.
- Chin said he needs to see the source in order to take the next steps. It was suggested that some of the nesting may be happening on Town property because it abuts the road. Could Town take action there? Dash said they may have to work towards getting a subpoena for probable cause.
- Peg Callanan, Town Meeting member, said the neighbors have done everything they can do. Private property and Town property are involved. She would like to see a timeline for action. The property in question has bamboo growing and we should research whether it is against the law to grow bamboo because it may be attracting the rats.
- Garvin said that first step is to reach out to Town Counsel about the bamboo and the restrictions we are faced with.
- Marcotte said the three barrels in the park are new but he will try to ramp up pest control and put more traps out at the park.
- Donna Rigolo, nearby resident, said maybe we should replace the current barrels with trash barrels with more secure tops. She suggested that each group that uses the park, identify a waste management volunteer. Waste is left in park for Town crews to clean up.
- Nick Candee, abutting neighbor, asked whether volunteers could use Town equipment to help clean up the area. He is willing to serve as a volunteer to clean up Grove Street and Grosvenor Rd.
- Norma Masserotti, Town Meeting member, asked if the trash cans are the same as Belmont Center? Marcotte said the barrels in the park are the same as in Belmont Center.
- Wes Chin said he has not seen reports of rats in Belmont Center. Norma suggested if there is no rat problem in the Center, then the trash cans in the park may not be culprit. She would be willing to serve as a volunteer.
- Phil Thayer said the last Sustainable Belmont meeting talked about trash pickup. He said residents could go to [Sustainable Belmont.net](http://SustainableBelmont.net) to read about their discussion. He reported there are a group of Belmont residents working on improving the trash problem in public spaces.
- Paolillo suggested that everyone come back with some ideas for the next Select Board meeting on August 2.

Discussion and possible vote on amendment to Trash Contract

Marcotte reports that the new Middle/High School will require a new trash compactor and services. Amendment 2 is being proposed in order to change the current service contract. The new 30-yard compactor, rental fee and hauling services will be \$1300 per month. Changing to the new contract

enables a savings in the previous contract that allows the Town to break even. Data will be collected in the first year to evaluate volume to plan for the following year.

Motion was made to approve Amendment 2 for compactor services at the new Middle and High School. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion and possible vote on Pavement Management Contract

Glenn Clancy, Director of Community Development, reported that there were two bidders on the project. The low bidder, is currently doing an FY20 data management project with the Town and the experience has been positive. The aggregate bid is less than the engineer estimate. The FY21 pavement management project contract only includes four roads being repaired; the Town had Chapter 90 appropriations carried forward from previous fiscal years.

Paollilo asked if the Town could do an annual report to get an idea of what roads need replacing. Clancy said it has been five years since they did an analysis of Town needs. Clancy reported that Belmont has a 20-million dollar backlog of work. Clancy said he budgets based on a 20-year life cycle. He thinks we could, in theory, fix everything in 17 years. He said this year the department increased the capacity to do sidewalk work and pavement management was reduced.

The High School Traffic Working group asked the department to upgrade the High School area on Goden St. with vertical curbing. Neighbors have been informed.

Motion was made for the fiscal 2021 pavement management program project to be awarded to RM Pasella Inc. of Plainville MA in the amount of \$967,626.66. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion and possible vote on MWRAII Project

Clancy said there is a sewer system component to the MWRA project. 26 Sump pumps will be relocated on residential property. The 3 ½ miles of sewer main lining work will help with clean water issues. He said the plan is to do service replacements of 35 properties. There were seven bids on this project. The low bidder was Aqua Line Utility Inc. of Weymouth at \$1.348M. This is being funded through an MWRA Town grant program. The money has already been processed for that program and loan documents have been signed.

Epstein asked if the homeowners or Town is doing the removal? Clancy said the sump pump at the properties remain, but this project reroutes sump pump discharge into a stormwater drain, which is required by EPA. Many residents are illegally sending water into the sanitary sewer system. Clancy said there may be a better solution but this is the only one he knows about. Most of these problems were detected when they were doing other work.

Motion was made to award the private sector sump pump removal project to Aqua Line Utility Inc. of Weymouth MA in the amount of \$1,348,000. Motion was approved by vote of 3-0.

[Board adjourned for a five-minute break.]

[Begin Joint Meeting with the Financial Task Force II]

Financial Task Force II

• Final Recommendation to the Select Board • Financial Policy Discussion and Vote • Future of the Financial Task Force II

• Final Recommendation to the Select Board.

- Caputo reported that the Financial Task Force II (FTFII) is making 16 recommendations to the Select Board. FTFII was convened in 2019, the group comprised 10 members and their objectives was to develop a five-year financial plan and collaborate with the schools and Town to devise budgets. They made a number of recommendations to the Select Board regarding the financial deficit.
- The Task Force solicited feedback from the Warrant Committee, Capital Budget and School Committee.

Caputo presented slides regarding Financial Task Force II (FTFII) recommendations:

Short term planning

- 1) Place override on Town Election.
- 2) Utilize free cash to provide greater flexibility to reduce operating override.

Long Term planning

- 1) Creation of a Finance Director for strategic financial leadership. The Town is hoping to add this role through reorganization.
- 2) Creation of five-year plan for Financial Modeling. The Model has been designed for flexibility and to accommodate updates. The Finance Director will work with this model for long term planning.
- 3) Incorporation of ideas from the FTFII into the annual Warrant and Town budgeting process.
- 4) Utilization of Financial Planning Tools software. Encourage the Town to use municipal friendly software in the future, other than Excel.
- 5) Support continued support of long-term capital planning by establishing Long Range Capital Planning Committee. (This committee has been established and may be combined with the Capital Budget Committee.)
- 6) Support for Structural Change Impact Group. (The group was created in September 2020 and group tackled much work to increase revenue and mitigate costs.)
- 7) Health care Mitigation
 - Health care costs are a large part of the Town budget. Costs typically increase more than 2 and 3%. The Town and Schools should consider joining the state GIC.
 - Health insurance splits by contract are usually with 75/25 (with employee paying 25%). Try to align all employees around the 75/25 split.
 - Health care is a significant cost driver. Encourage views to aggregate health insurance in the budgets.
- 8) Town should consider smaller periodic overrides.

- 9) Development of an annual report on the financial state of the Town that is geared to the average public. Prepare a smaller report and actively communicate the report to the Belmont Community.
- 10) Establish an annual wage and classification study to retain equitable pay for both union and non-union employees.
- 11) Expand collaboration between Town and School Administration, Select Board and School Committee for a long term, integrative view in high level union bargaining. Include Town Administration in bargaining process.
- 12) Implementation of revised set of Financial Policies.
- 13) Future review of Free Cash and reserve ratio guidelines.
- 14) Future engagements with public policy consultants to support implementation of recommendations. Town should seek additional grants for support of recommendations, like the Collins Center.

- FTFII met with the Warrant Committee, Capital Budget Committee and School Committee and alignment has been achieved with those committees.
- Financial Policy Discussion and Vote
 - The Belmont Financial Policy document is 50-page document. It is an aggregation of numerous different policies for Town of Belmont. FTFII thinks that the policies are pretty close to what the Town is currently working with but there is room for evolution, ie, recommendations regarding free cash guidelines were established in the past, but the Select Board may want to revisit that policy.
 - Dash asked if the Town Administration Department has the time to do annual reports? Garvin said that the auditor is asking to pass codified policies before the Fall. Most guidelines are what we are practicing now.
 - Paolillo said we need the additional Finance Director to handle day to day financial obligations.

Public Comments about FTFII recommendations:

Norma Massarotti asked if the health care insurance ratio of 75/25 was driven by equity between Town and Schools or was it supported by benchmarking? She is surprised it didn't go to a 70/30 split and introduce other changes like spousal surcharges, health care for part-time employees and other trends being taken up by other industries.

- Caputo answered there were two bases for the split recommendation. The recommendation was driven by employees hired at different times. He said the Town is not yet at a 75/25 split and there is opportunity for cost sharing. But he believes the Town can consider working towards a 70/30 split.

Massarotti suggested that we need to look for a Finance Director with a special skills set to drive savings.

- Epstein asked how the School Committee received the recommendations? Caputo said they wanted greater inclusion of the School Committee to effect more influence in the budget process and they wanted greater visibility in the modeling processes.

- Epstein asked if the School Committee were looking for revisions to language in the Financial Policy document? Caputo said revisions were made due to modifications suggested by the Warrant, School and Budget Committees.

Motion was made to accept and endorse the Financial Task Force II recommendation to the Select Board. Motion was passed by a vote of 3-0.

[The Vote on Financial Policy document will be deferred until the August 2nd Select Board meeting.]

- Future of the Financial Task Force II

- Dash said the funding from the State and Federal governments is in flux so it would be hard to determine the future of the FTFII right now.
- The group felt it was premature to disband the FTFII, as it may be needed going forward.
- Caputo said there is a need to talk to the FTFII group to see who wants to continue to serve. Caputo asked the Select Board to provide the Task Force a better understanding of their new charge.
- Dash identified important issues as: Decisions about use of Federal ARPA money, feedback of SCIG report, and decision about future overrides.
- Epstein said the FTFII did an enormous amount of work. The focus should now be on using the model to determine structural deficits. The new Task Force group may be able to be smaller than the previous Task Force.
- Caputo said he would be happy to continue to serve on the Financial Task Force and he will work on determining who else wants to remain on the Task Force.

Motion was made to extend the term of the Financial Task Force II to June 30, 2022. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

[End Joint Meeting with the Financial Task Force II]

Committee Appointments

Jon Marshall has been organizing the committee appointments. He said they are interviewing new candidates, whenever possible.

a. Zoning Board of Appeals

There are a total of four members to appoint on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Jim Zarkadas and Nick Iannuzzi are applying for reappointment for five-year terms. There are four candidates applying for two terms as Associate Members.

Epstein commented that he thinks Nick Iannuzzi has done a great job on the Zoning Board, but his concern is that Nick has been on the Zoning Board for 14 years. The Zoning Board of Appeals is the only board that has a five-year appointment and that it limits the opportunity for others to apply. He thinks that senior members should yield to new members after 10 years if qualified candidates are available.

Dash thinks that, because most all other Members have changed over in recent years, that it is appropriate for Nick and Jim to continue to serve. He feels that is helpful to have members with a history, especially during the current Beatrice Circle 40B issue.

Nick Iannuzzi stated that he has served for 15 years. There have been times when there were no applicants for the Zoning Board. He noted that he has not missed a meeting and there will be two new associate members appointed tonight to ensure new representation on the Board.

Motion was made to reappoint Nick Iannuzzi to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term.

Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to reappoint Jim Zarkadas to the Zoning Board of Appeals for five-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Jeffrey Birenbaum (Associate Member candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals) gave a statement of his background. He has been in the real estate business for years. He has worked as a real estate consultant and currently works in real estate development. He has strategic advisory experience in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He has Master's Degree in Real Estate Development and Urbanism.

David Stiff (Associate Member candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals) has been a resident of Belmont for 26 years. He has a Graduate Degree in City and Urban Planning and a Master's Degree in Economics. He currently works at Core Logic, a provider of real estate information.

The third candidate, Timothy Fallon, was not present to make a statement.

Motion was made to appoint Jeffrey Birenbaum as Associate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint David Stiff as Associate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

b. Recreation Commission

There is one resignation, and two members for reappointment on the Recreation Commission. There are three appointments to make tonight. Jon Marshall said that the Chair of the Recreation Commission would prefer residents with school age children. The Chair of the Recreation Commission supports reappointing David Kane and Theresa O'Connor for three-year terms.

Motion was made to appoint Theresa O'Connor to the Recreation Commission for a three-year term.

Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint David Kane to the Recreation Commission for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Steven Collelo (new candidate for Recreation Commission) made a statement. He has three children in Belmont schools and he has been active in the schools and wants to contribute more to the Town. He has a mechanical engineering degree and has worked in various startup companies as a design engineer and currently works at MIT.

Marco Labudovic, (new candidate for Recreation Commission) made a statement. He has participated in adult soccer in Belmont and he wants to effect change in the Commission. He has a school age child and is an engineer with two PhDs in Engineering and is currently working in the optics industry.

Motion was made to appoint Steven Collelo to the Recreation Commission for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

c. Conservation Commission

There are recommendations for reappointments for Chris Morris and Daniel Nolan for three years on the Conservation Commission.

Motion was made to appoint Christopher Morris to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Daniel Nolan to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to remove Charles Chiang from Conservation Commission as a member for his lack of attendance. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

The remaining opening has three candidates applying for a one-year term.

Motion was made to appoint Prasseda Vella to Conservation Commission for a one-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

d. Council on Aging

Reappointment is open for Chao-Qiang Lai on the Council on Aging. There are five open appointments and three recommendations from the Council on Aging Board.

Motion was made to appoint Chao-Qiang Lai to the Council on Aging for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Karen Donelan to the Council on Aging for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Judith Morrison to the Council on Aging for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Jane Shapiro to the Council on Aging for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Andrea Paschal to the Council on Aging for a one-year term (to fill Paolillo's seat). Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

e. Historic District Commission

There are three vacancies and one reappointment on the Historic District Commission. Michael Smith, Chair of the Historic District Commission, voiced his recommendations.

Motion was made to appoint Michael Chessen to the Historic Commission as a full member for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Carl Solander to the Historic Commission as a full member for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Nushin Yazdi to the Historic Commission as a full member for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Drew Nealon to the Historic Commission as a full member for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Stefan Ahiblad and Seth Clark as alternate members, each for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

f. Housing Trust

Rachel Heller, Chair of the Housing Trust, recommends re-appointing Madeline Fraser Cook. She stated that the Housing Trust work is complex and members need a commitment to affordable housing. She would like to see candidates with experience working with volunteers and knowledge of Federal and State housing programs.

Motion was made to appoint Madeline Fraser Cook to the Housing Trust for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Julien Eskin to the Housing Trust for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Vyrna Napoli to the Housing Trust for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

g. Permanent Audit Committee

Two appointments are open on the Permanent Audit Committee. Floyd Carman, Town Treasurer, recommends reappointing both members.

Motion was made to appoint Robert Forrester and Frank Caruso to the Permanent Audit Committee for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

h. Planning Board

Two appointments are open on the Planning Board. Recommendations were made that two reappointments be made on this Board.

Motion was made to appoint Karl Haglund to the Planning Board for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made to appoint Edmund Starzec to the Planning Board for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

i. Vision 21 Implementation Committee

1. There are five applicants for three seats and three individuals seeking reappointments on the Vision 21 Implementation Committee. Recommendations were made to reappoint three members to the open seats.

Motion was made to appoint Taylor Yates, Rogelio Fussa and Aaron Pikilingis to the Vision 21 Implementation Committee for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

j. Water Advisory Board

Motion was made to appoint Joseph Barrell to Water Advisory Board for a three-year term. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a. Recycling Event Update

Garvin reported on the final figures for the cardboard recycling event. The cost of holding the event was \$2900 and the fees collected were \$1300. 4.25 tons of cardboard were collected for a total cost to the Town of \$890. Select Board members agreed to cover the deficit from the event by donating \$300 each to make up for the loss.

b. Recreation Update

Jon Marshall reported that the Town of Belmont held its first outdoor movie event with a donation from the Gregor family. 300 people attended the event. He said there will be a total of eight more movie nights held during the summer.

Marshall also reported on the Recreation Commission meeting about the new skate park. A survey was done with the youth of Belmont to determine needs. A public meeting will be held by the Select Board for skate park planning.

Marshall said a discussion with the School Department regarding community education, resulted in the Superintendent and the School Committee endorsing that Community Education fall under the Recreation Committee purview.

c. Fall 2021 Town Meeting proposed dates

Garvin said they set a date for the expected Fall Town Meeting dates of November 9th with second night, if necessary, on November 16th. She said they will be making a decision in the next few months about whether a Fall Town Meeting will be necessary.

SELECT BOARD'S COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

The Recreation Commission talked about the Grove St. scoreboard and shed. Dash thought that this issue should be reviewed further by the Recreation Commission and a recommendation made to the Select Board.

Motion was made to go to Executive Session. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

[The Select Board will not return to regular session after Executive Session.]

Next Meeting: Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



PATRICE GARVIN, Town Administrator