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TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Monday, June 27, 2016
7:00 PM

APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 7/25/16

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Mark Paolillo in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Sami Baghdady and Jim Williams were present. Town Administrator David Kale was present; Assistant Town Administrator Phyllis Marshall was not present.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the agenda.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

Ms. Laurie Graham, former School Committee member and Pct. 6 Town Meeting Member, raised a concern about the Belmont Food Pantry's search for a new space. She noted that many community members attended a recent meeting which explored options for a new space. The Watertown Food Pantry may have an interest in helping Belmont, but they hand out bags of food and do not have space to display the food. She noted other options that are being explored and stated that about 1,600 square feet is needed to store the food. Over 200 residents use the Pantry, which is open five times a month.

She requested the Board's assistance in finding a temporary space.

Chair Paolillo informed Ms. Graham that the Board is aware of the pressing concern. Selectman Baghdady stated that a permanent store-front location would be ideal for the Pantry. He said he has reached out to several commercial establishments. Mr. Kale concurred that the town is aware of the need for a Pantry space and is pursuing possible locations, both within Belmont and with other communities, e.g., Arlington.

The Board continued to discuss issues relating to this matter. Chair Paolillo encouraged the community to support the Pantry.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The recent Memorial Day Ceremony went well.
- A Purple Heart Ceremony will be held on August 7.
- The Pool memberships will increase in price on July 1.
- **Belmont's Woman's Club** – Ms. Nancy Sarris appeared before the Board to discuss the history of the Woman's Club. She thanked the Board for its support of the Woman's Club as well as for the CPA grant that the Woman's Club received recently for refurbishing. She provided some background information on the Homer House as well as

on the function and activities of the Woman's Club, e.g., bridge, strawberry festival, fundraising events, Belmont Story (Summer with Winslow), etc. She invited the community to a literacy and family event which will be held on Saturday, July 30. She announced a fundraising campaign to help with repairs. The Board thanked Ms. Sarris for her efforts on behalf of the Homer House.

ACTION BY CONSENT

Review and Approve a Transfer of Stock Application from Rohbaj Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Kashish at 61 Leonard Street

Mr. Sandeep Kumar appeared before the Board to discuss the transfer of stock application from Rohbaj Enterprises, Kashish. Mr. Sandeep briefly explained the request.

Mr. Kale explained that the managers must be kept current for a change of ownership and the name on the license.

The Board moved: To approve the transfer of stock application from Rohbaj Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Kashish at 61 Leonard Street.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To approve the transfer management application concerning Rohbaj Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Kashish at 61 Leonard Street.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Acceptance of Donation from Mr. Kenneth S. Barron in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be Utilized for the continuation of the Combined Awards Ceremony for the Police and Fire Departments

Police Chief McLaughlin appeared before the Board to discuss the donation from Mr. Kenneth S. Barron in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be utilized for the continuation of the combined awards ceremony for the Police and Fire Departments.

Chief McLaughlin provided some background information on Mr. Barron's generosity and on this program. He requested that the Board accept the donation.

The Board moved: To accept the donation from Mr. Kenneth S. Barron in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be utilized for the continuation of the combined awards ceremony for the Police and Fire Departments.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Chief then provided a brief update on the recent Gun Buy Back program. He noted that a donation will be made to the Belmont Food Pantry.

Approval of the 4th Annual Dan Scharfman Memorial road race on Sunday, October 2, 2016

Mr. Charlie Conroy and Mr. Paul Roberts appeared before the Board to discuss the Dan Scharfman Memorial road race to be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016. Mr. Conroy provided some details on the road race.

The Board expressed its support for this event.

The Board moved: To approve the 4th Annual Dan Scharfman Memorial road race on 10/2/2016.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Update from the Permanent Audit Committee (PAC) - Chair Bob Keefe

Mr. Bob Keefe (Chair) and Mr. Bob Forrester (member) of the Permanent Audit Committee appeared before the Board to provide an update on the recent audit. Mr. Keefe provided some background information on the PAC and discussed the recent audit conducted by Powers and Sullivan. Belmont received an “unmodified opinion” and no weaknesses were identified. The Light Department was also audited and also received an “unmodified opinion” and no weaknesses were identified.

The Board briefly discussed the audit. Selectman Williams suggested a follow-up meeting with the auditors. The Board thanked the PAC for its work in shepherding the audit.

The Board moved: To accept the report of the Permanent Audit Committee.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Vote on *Letter of Support* for House Bill 2870 and 2871 re: Gas Leak Repair

Ms. Jenny Marusiak and Ms. Yvonne Brown, of Mothers Out Front, appeared before the Board to discuss the letter of support for House Bill 2870 and 2871 regarding gas leak repairs. Ms. Marusiak provided some information on the volunteer group “Mothers Out Front” which addresses climate change and has turned its attention to the concern of gas leaks. Thirty-six towns have passed a resolution in support of these bills, but the Senate is not yet voting on them. She noted that old pipes, of which Belmont has many, can lead to gas leaks. She explained the nature of leaks and how they relate to explosion risks.

The bills, she said, address the passing of the costs of leaks onto consumers and that, if a utility company sees an exposed gas leak, the pipe must be fixed. However, it was noted that the first bill, concerning the passing on of the costs, will probably not be taken up by the state.

The Board discussed issues relating to these two bills, e.g., the work of Mothers Out Front, how the Board can support these initiatives, and how the town can be encouraged to support the fixing of pipes when the road is opened.

Chair Paolillo read a letter from the Board that will be sent to the state.

The Board moved: To approve the Board's *Letter of Support* (as read by Chair Paolillo) for House Bill 2870 and 2871 regarding gas leak repairs.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Licenses

Review and approve a Change of Manager Application from Belmont Country Club at 181 Winter Street

Mr. Kale explained the process by which the change of manager notification works.

The Board moved: To approve the change of manager application, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Review and approve an application from Nick's Place II located at 6 Channing Road to place tables and chairs on the public sidewalk

Mr. Kale confirmed that this is not a request to serve alcohol, just to place chairs outdoors. He discussed this process, as well.

The Board moved: To approve the outdoor seating application, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Review and approve an application from Spoodles Soup Factory located at 374 Trapelo Road to place tables and chairs on the public sidewalk

The Board moved: To approve the outdoor seating application, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Review and approve a Pledge of License Application from Nicholas Market & Deli LLC, d/b/a The Loading Dock at 11 Brighton Street

Mr. Faud Nicolas Mukarker appeared before the Board to discuss the request for the loan for the Loading Dock. Mr. Kale explained the recent opinion of Town Counsel, noting that there is no real risk for the town in supporting this loan request.

The Board discussed details relating to this request of a loan and the rights conferred on the license. Selectman Baghdady provided some background information on this transaction as well. He agreed with Mr. Hall that the risk to the town is negligible. This is a way of facilitating a short-term loan for The Loading Dock.

The Board moved: To approve the Pledge of License application, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Review and approve a request from Nicholas Market & Deli LLC. d/b/a The Loading Dock at 11 Brighton Street to increase seating on their Common Victualler's License from 24 to 60 in accordance with a 12/7/15 ZBA Decision

Chair Paolillo asked clarifying questions concerning this request. It was noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approved the seating change.

The Board moved: To approve the request for increased seating, details noted above. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Review and approve an application from Belmont Consignment at 454 Common Street to renew their Antique / Second Hand Goods License

The Board moved: To approve the license renewal application, details noted above. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Review and approve an application from GVS Jewelers at 6 Trapelo Road to renew their Antique / Second Hand Goods License

The Board moved: To approve the license renewal application, details noted above. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Review and approve an application from Phinix Belmont LLC. d/b/a Phinix Grill at 628 Trapelo Road to place tables and chairs on the public sidewalk

The Board moved: To approve the outdoor seating application, details noted above. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- ***Committee Applications:*** Applications are currently being accepted for various committees.
- ***Pool Parking:*** There is a need to limit parking times at Concord Avenue in front of the J.V. Field, as people are parking there all day and it is impacting pool parking. The Board discussed the challenge of coming up with the appropriate allowable parking times to support pool parking, and to discourage all day parking.

The Board moved: To delegate authority to the Town Administrator to establishing parking guidelines in this area. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Executive Session

The Board moved: To enter into executive session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss strategy

sessions with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the Chair so declares and to discuss strategy sessions with union personnel. The Board will return to open session.

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

Open Session

The Board moved: To exit Executive Session and Return to Open Session at 9:41 p.m.

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

Discussion and Vote on Police Chief Contract

Chair Paolillo noted that union and non-union personnel contract negotiations were discussed in Executive Session, including the Chief of Police contract.

The Board moved: To approve the Police Chief Contract beginning July 1, 2016, as amended.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, July 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room – Town Hall

Monday, July 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room – Town Hall

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator