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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 27, 2005
SPECIAL SESSION

Call to Order

The Board convened in open session at 8:00 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Belmont Town Hall. All members were present. Also in attendance were Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator and Rebecca Vose, Acting Assistant Town Administrator.

Questions from Town Residents

There were none.

The Board discussed the June 13, 2005 Special Town Meeting warrant.

Selectmen Firenze asked if there should be an article on this Warrant conveying the Belmont Center Fire Station to the Selectmen so that plans can begin about the disposition of that property. He wondered if this were a necessary prerequisite to the Town's drafting of the RFP for this property. The Board asked the Town Administrator and staff to consult Town Counsel on this question.

The Board then discussed Article 13. On Tuesday night, May 24, the Planning Board held a hearing on proposed Zoning By-law amendments which derived from the Citizens' Petition Article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Attorney Judith Cutler of Kopelman and Paige had worked with the citizen proponents to draft amendments which would accomplish their aims. She had attended the May 24th hearing and explained that the portion of the amendment, which was in substance the Citizen's Petition, would be rejected by the Attorney General's office during its by-law review process. After this hearing, the citizen proponents asked that this portion of their zoning amendment be dismissed from the Warrant article by the Selectmen. This was done. The remaining provisions of the proposed zoning by-law amendments will be taken up at the Planning Board's hearing on May 31.

The Board moved to: approve the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on June 13, 2005 and to signify approval by signing it.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed the assessment of the condition of the Viglirolo Rink by the McLaughlin Company. Mr. Younger explained the current thinking was to do the minimum repair work to be able to make ice in time for the fall skating season. This

prompted a discussion of the need for comprehensive facilities management of which Mr. Younger is a strong proponent.

Acting Assistant Town Administrator Vose reported to the Board of Selectmen on a conversation she had with Brian Glennon, Town Counsel for the litigation between the Town and Healthy Pet Corporation (HPC), as a follow-up to the Selectmen's earlier decision to re-issue HPC's Kennel License. She was asked to confirm with Mr. Glennon that there were no additional conditions the Board should impose on this license. Mr. Glennon advised the Board that the licensee has agreed to comply with the Town's by-laws and that there are no additional conditions he would recommend be imposed. The Selectmen's office will issue HPC a 2005 Kennel License without conditions.

The Selectmen took up a request from Glenn Clancy, Town Engineer, that they sign the mylars of the maps showing the area on Trapelo Road taken by the Town for the construction of the new Fire Station headquarters.

The Board moved: to sign as requested the mylar plans of the area on Trapelo Road taken for the new Fire Station Headquarters.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board adjourned its open session at 8:50 a.m..

Thomas G. Younger
Town Administrator