TOWN OF BELMONT PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 17, 2007

7:04 p.m. Meeting called to order.

Attendance: Jenny Fallon, Chair; Karl Haglund; Sami Baghdady; Andres Rojas;

Jay Szklut, Staff; Jeffrey Wheeler, Staff

Absent: Carla Moynihan

Committee Updates

Capital Projects Overview Committee - Andy reported that the committee had presented a draft report to the Board of Selectmen. The report's major recommendation is the Police Station move to the current library building and a new library be constructed on the high school athletic facilities fields.

Harvard Lawn Fire Station Re-use - Andy reported that a single bid had been received. The bid proposes a single family home and bids \$650,000 for the property.

7:20 p.m. Discussion - Town Meeting Protocol

Article 6: Accessory Buildings - No changes recommended.

Article 8: Banks by Special Permit -

Moved by Haglund to support banks by special permit but to recommend dismissal of provisions dealing with ATM's and drive-thru tellers

Seconded by Rojas

Motion passed unanimously.

John Robotham expressed his concern that the amended removed protections to residents offered by the original proposed zoning amendment.

The Board noted that while the amendment may have afforded additional protections, those protections did not currently exist. Additionally, the Board expressed their concern that leaving the restrictions on ATM's and drive-thru tellers jeopardized passage of the amendment including the banks by special permit component.

Article 7: Church Parking Lots -

Moved by Rojas to recommend dismissal of this article. Seconded by Haglund Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2007 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, Room 2