

Town of Belmont  
Capital Budget Committee  
Chenery Community Room  
Wednesday Evening, November 1, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

The Capital Budget Committee met in joint session with the Board of Selectman, the Warrant Committee and the School Committee the evening of Wednesday, November 1, 2006, in the Chenery Community Room, as part of the "Blueprint for Belmont" project. Paul D. Solomon, as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presided over the joint meeting. After determining that each committee had a quorum present, shortly after 7:00 p.m., Dr. Solomon called the joint meeting to order and invited the other chairmen present to call their committees to order. Thereupon, at 7:05 p.m., Mrs. Bruschi called the Capital Budget Committee to order. All the members of the Committee (John Bowe, M. Patricia Bruschi, Mark F. Clark, Jennifer M. Fallon, Angelo Firenze and Anne Marie Mahoney) except John Conte were present at the meeting. Various members of other committees were also present. Also present were Barbara Hagg, Town Accountant and staff liaison to the Capital Budget Committee; Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator; and Jeffrey Conti, Assistant Town Administrator.

Dr. Solomon outlined the purpose of the meeting and called on various subcommittees that had been previously established. Members of various subcommittees reported and distributed written reports concerning such topics as health insurance, regionalization/shared services, outsourcing, new sources of revenue, energy saving, and systems and processes. Reports concerning waste management, core functions, and consolidation of School Department and other Town Department functions were deferred either because the relevant subcommittee was not prepared to report or because key members of the relevant subcommittee could not be present. A discussion of the foregoing reports ensued during which various questions were asked and observations were offered.

At the conclusion of the general discussion, Dr. Solomon set a date for the next joint meeting concerning the "Blueprint": Wednesday evening, December 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chenery Community Room. This date was selected despite being the night of the "Bandorama", precluding the attendance of some School Committee members. Before setting the date, Dr. Solomon noted that other dates present problems for others. After inviting discussion from the group and the development of apparent consensus, Dr. Solomon concluded that it was too early to begin consolidating the group's subcommittees and that the group should concentrate at its December meeting on suggestions concerning health insurance and regionalization/shared services.

For a more detailed report of the discussion by the "Blueprint group," see the minutes of the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark F. Clark