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TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Monday, November 18, 2013
7:00 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:05 pm by Chair Paolillo in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Jones and Rojas were present. Town Administrator David Kale was also present.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the agenda.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

Ms. Sue Pew and Ms. Kathy Allen, from Wellington Lane, approached the table to inform the Board that two large houses have been built across the street from where they reside. The neighborhood has had space and views, and both of these are disappearing. Ms. Allen said there are issues with soil being built up around the parcel that will eventually be sold. The structure will, as a result of the added soil, be stories taller than it would have been if the dirt had not been placed there. Ms. Pew added that the electrical wiring and the steel box on the site are also unattractive.

Selectman Rojas said that there are regulations pertaining to changing a grade with no special permit. Selectman Jones said that the storm-water by-law should be consulted, as well.

Chair Paolillo requested that the Town Administrator and Mr. Clancy obtain additional information about these issues. This includes arranging a discussion with the property owner.

Ms. Pew then presented the Board with seven questions pertaining to the new homes that are being built. Questions pertained to parking, safety, snow issues, and noise.

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE) Proclamation

Ms. Jamie Shea, Ms. Ginny D'Arbeloff, and Ms. Chris Kokem from the FBE appeared before the Board regarding the FBE Proclamation. Ms. Shea noted that almost 600 people ran in the Dan Scharfman Memorial Race. She said this reflects not only town-wide support for Dan Scharfman but also support for the schools. She said the FBE expects to have generated \$20K in fundraising dollars. Ms. Shea said that these funds will support innovation and professional development around teacher tools and training.

Ms. Shea then informed the Board that the Spelling Bee held last month was the largest and most successful. She added that the FBE annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

The Board congratulated the FBE on 20 years of successful fundraising and school-wide support.

Chair Paolillo read the Proclamation.

Update: Thomas Clark House

Mr. Michael Smith, HDC Chair, and Mr. Shawn McDonald, from the Architectural Heritage Foundation, appeared before the Board to provide a Clark House update. Mr. Smith noted that the CPA application has been withdrawn. Mr. Smith informed the Board that there is currently no definitive site for the House. He noted that the licensing agreement will expire in February and that the insurance will expire in August.

Mr. Smith informed the Board that the House incurs maintenance fees month after month. He said if the licensing agreement is not extended, the House will need to be dismantled. Mr. McDonald stated that the hope is to eventually rebuild the House. He said that there will be fees associated with dismantling the House and putting the parts into storage. However, he added that this will give those who want to preserve the House some time to continue to seek out a site.

Mr. Smith said that there have been some town-owned sites that have been explored (e.g., top of Underwood Park near School Street and possibly land near where the House currently sits). He said this will require cooperation from the Town. Selectman Rojas spoke to some of the issues that would impact locating the House on school-owned land.

Chair Paolillo said that if the HDC could find the necessary funding to relocate the House, the top of Underwood Park possibly makes sense as an option. Mr. Smith said that CPA funding will need to be utilized if this House is preserved. He added that preserving this House is an appropriate use of CPA funding.

Selectman Rojas noted that operating costs (of running the House) would need to be taken into consideration. He added that many residents felt that this was presented as a private funding endeavor. Now that it has switched requiring public funding (via the CPA), it potentially loses support. Selectman Rojas did say that the CPA can, under certain circumstances, evaluate an application off-cycle.

Ms. Carolyn Bishop appeared before the Board to discuss how other towns have handled issues similar to this. She said that the House could potentially generate its own revenue (via renting the space) to help with operating costs. She noted that this is how buildings are preserved in Brookline, Arlington, etc.

The Board discussed issues relating to the future of the Clark House.

Mr. Vincent Stanton spoke to the benefits of the Underwood Park location.

Acceptance of Recreation Commission Resignation

Chair Paolillo noted the Mr. John Owens has submitted his letter of resignation from the Recreation Commission (also the CPA and the Underwood Pool Study Committee).

The Board moved: To accept this resignation and declare these seats vacant.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- Belmont Police and Fire Departments were honored for their efforts in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings by the Watertown-Belmont Chamber of Commerce at its annual awards dinner.
- Five new police officers graduated from Lowell Police Academy. They are now receiving in-service training within the Belmont Police Department.
- The Underwood Pool Committee will hold public hearings on Nov. 21 and Nov. 23.
- The CPA is finalizing its projects – Selectman Rojas said that the CPA would like the Board's support for two field-related projects. Both projects are on town property and as such the Board needs to declare their support for the projects.

The Board moved: To support the CPA application from Belmont Second Soccer (\$100K) pertaining to the Winn Brook Field Renovation.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To support the CPA application from the Belmont Soccer Association (\$8,700) pertaining to the J.V. Field Irrigation upgrade.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

- Belmont has been asked to join in the application with other communities for a State Community Innovative Challenging Grant to develop an application software to have license and permit applications filled out and submitted online. Mr. Kale requested that the Board vote on this issue:

The Board moved: To endorse the Town of Belmont's participation in the 2014 Community Innovation Challenge Grant Application to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office for Administration and Finance.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

- Woodfall Road – two proposals are being reviewed and a recommendation will be made to the Board.
- The Snow By-Law will be submitted to the Attorney General for approval. Mr. Kale explained the process by which snow shoveling services will be made available to senior residents via community service assistance. Residents will also receive information from the DPW regarding sidewalk clearing, intersection clearing, and snow removal in general as part of a plan to communicate the requirements of the new Bylaw.
- The Board will meet in January with the Community Path Advisory Committee (CPAC) to consider the potential options for a new bike path. Chair Paolillo suggested meeting with the Chair of this committee in December and then to set up a public forum after this.
- The Town Administrator requested that the Board vote to approve the appointment of Mr. Bobby Reardon as the coach of the BHS swim team as required by G.L.C. 268A, Section 20.

The Board moved: To approve the exemption of Mr. Reardon to serve as the High School Swim Coach team.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION BY CONSENT

One Day Liquor License

Kitchen on Common, 442 Common Street - Belmont, MA
wine tasting dinner, December 17, 2013

The Board moved: To approve the liquor license request as noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2013

The Board moved: To approve the meeting minutes of 10/28/13.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 13, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Joint with School Committee

Selectman Jones noted that he supports the Retirement Board letter.

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT *(continued)*

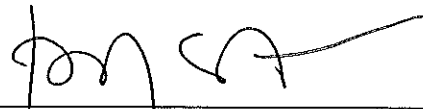
Executive Session *(if necessary)*

The Board moved: To enter into executive session at 8:49 p.m. to discuss purchasing or leasing property if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the Chair so declares.

The Board will not return to open session.

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

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator