Town of Belmont Capital Budget Committee Town Hall Auditorium Monday Evening, March 19, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

The Capital Budget Committee met in joint session with the Board of Selectman, the Warrant Committee and the Permanent Building Committee on the evening of Monday, March 19, 2007, in the Auditorium of Town Hall, as part of the Capital Project Planning Group (formerly known as the "mega group"). Paul D. Solomon, as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presided over the joint meeting. Dr. Solomon called the joint meeting to order and invited the other chairmen present to call their committees to order. Thereupon, at 7:03 p.m., Mrs. Brusch called the Capital Budget Committee to order. John Bowe, M. Patricia Brusch, Mark F. Clark, Jennifer M. Fallon, Angelo Firenze and Ann Marie Mahoney of this Committee were present at the meeting. Various members of other committees were also present. Also present were Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator; and Jeffrey Conti, Assistant Town Administrator.

Dr. Solomon outlined the purposes of the meeting and called upon Mr. Speidel to begin making his presentation.

The first order of business was a presentation by Michael J. Speidel, Chairman of the Pavement Management Committee. In making his presentation, Mr. Speidel made use of "Interim Report of the Belmont Pavement Management Committee -- Abridged version for presentation to the Capital Planning Mega-Group -- March 20, 2007". Copies of that Interim Report had been previously distributed to the persons present. Following the presentation by Mr. Speidel, Dr. Solomon invited comments and questions from the members of the Group and the public who were present.

The second order of business was a presentation by Mrs. Brusch in her capacity as chairman of the Permanent Building Committee. She described and distributed to members of the Group a list of major capital projects which the Town is facing. That list is captioned "Anticipate Future Building Projects March 2007." Following Mrs. Brusch's presentation, Dr. Solomon invited comments and questions from members of the Group and the public who were present.

The third order of business was discussion of a committee which the Selectmen propose to appoint to examine all future capital projects. In connection with that announcement, the Selectmen distributed a sheet describing the mandate and scope, the composition, and the time line for that committee. The sheet is captioned "Capital Project Overview Committee -- approved by the Board of Selectmen 3/10/07." Following announcement of this committee and comments by Selectmen, Dr. Solomon invited comments and questions from the members of the Group and the public who were present.

The fourth order of business was a general discussion of pending large capital projects. Several members of the public present, including members of the Board of Library Trustees, spoke concerning the pending Library proposal.

For a more detailed report on the evening, see the minutes of the Board of Selectmen. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark F. Clark