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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**APRIL 27, 2005**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

**Call to Order**

The Board convened in special session at 7:00 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room of Belmont High School. All members were present.

**Questions from Town Residents**

There were none.

**Action by Appointment**

The Board moved: to go into Executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations; and further that the Board of Selectmen will return to open session.

The motion was agreed to unanimously (3-0).

At 7:10 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

Town Administrator Tom Younger brought to the Board's attention a request from the Cemetery Commissioners that David Hawkins, Esquire, Special Town Counsel for purposes of handling the land acquisition and construction of the new cemetery, continue in that role.

The Selectmen agreed that because the Commission is in the middle of concluding the transaction, it is acceptable to them that Mr. Hawkins continue serving as counsel to the Commission. However, the Board wants Town counsel Kopelman and Paige to review the transaction and to opine to the Selectmen that at the conclusion of these transactions the Town received what it bargained for with McLean.

The Board then discussed its next regular session on Monday, May 2, 2005. Chairman Solomon wants to bring forward for the Board's review and approval a proposal for the planning process for Belmont Center. He has been working on it for some time with the benefit of input from several people.

Selectman Firenze then mentioned that Lydia Ogilvy had asked him to convey an invitation to the Board to a party in honor of her family's designation of its family farm as protected open space. The party is on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00

p.m. (the date was later on changed to May 2<sup>nd</sup>). State and federal Officials will be at this event. The Board discussed delaying the start of its session that evening to 7:30 p.m. to allow members to attend the reception. Selectman Firenze will decide how to arrange or rearrange his office hours scheduled for 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 9.

The Board then discussed the Conservation Commission's letter to the Board with its recommendations on handling the O'Neill Uplands flood plain lines appeal and agreed to accept them.

The Board moved: to adopt the request of the Conservation Commission "to encourage the Planning Board to work with the Conservation Commission to ensure the new flood plain data is included in any future Uplands site plan reviews."

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: to accept the Conservation Commission's recommendation to drop the appeal of the DEP Superceding Order re: O'Neill Commercial proposal for Acorn Park Drive "due to the expense of continuing with the appeal process and with expectation of future coordination with the Planning Board on floodplain data."

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

At 7:25 p.m. the Board, still in session, moved its meeting to the Belmont High School Auditorium for Town Meeting.

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Thomas G. Younger  
Town Administrator