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Page 1 of 4 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MAY 16, 2005 REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order

The Board of Selectmen convened in open session at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Belmont Town Hall. All members were present.

Questions from Town Residents

There were none.

Action by Appointment

Convene as Municipal Light Board

The Board of Selectmen convened as the Municipal Light Board.

Members of the Light Department Advisory Committee met before the Board of Selectmen to present Mr. Ron Lunt as their final recommendation to fill the Municipal Light Department General Manager position.

The Board of Selectmen discussed with Mr. Lunt the nature of this position and his related qualifications.

The Board moved: to enter an executive session for the purpose of discussing bargaining with non-union personnel; and further that the Board of Selectmen shall return to open session shortly.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board of Selectmen returned to open session at approximately 7:15 p.m..

The Board moved: to extend Mr. Ron Lunt an employment offer for the position of General Manager of the Municipal Light Department.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board reconvened as the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion of Town Boards and Committees

The Board discussed its annual committee and commission appointment process. The Board noted that all current board and commission members were asked to communicate their interest in reappointment by May 20, 2005.

The Board agreed to table this issue until its next regular session of May 23 when more feedback from current commission and committee members is likely to be available to them.

The Board of Selectmen also encouraged anyone interested in serving on a Town board or committee to contact the Selectmen's Office in writing (by mail or via the web site).

The Board discussed making a new appointment to the Board of Registrars. Selectman Brownsberger supported Mr. James Staton. Selectman Firenze supported the candidacy of Mr. Charles Laverty, Jr.

The Board moved: to appoint Jim Staton to the Board of Registrars.

The motion passed (2-1), with Selectman Firenze opposing.

The Board moved: to reappoint Bob McGaw to the Board of Registrars.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Discussion of Belmont Center Planning Group Appointment

The Board moved: to appoint Sara Oaklander, Thayer Donham, Mary Power, Vickie Alani, Roy Papalia, Alison Palmer, and Evelyn HaraLampu to the Belmont Center Planning Group Committee.

Town Administrator Tom Younger will serve as an ex-officio member. Chairman Solomon will contact the Planning Group about appointing one of its members to Belmont Center Planning Group.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Discussion of Our Lady of Mercy

Belmont Housing Trust Chair Roger Colton appeared before the Board of Selectmen with Mostue Associates Consultant Cliff Boehmer to present an early conceptual project proposal for the development of the Lady of Mercy properties to be sold by the Archdiocese in the near future.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Tom Younger provided his weekly report on ongoing town events.

Action by Consent

Application for Licenses and Permits – Renewal

The Board moved: to approve all the following license renewal applications;

Junk, Old Metals and Second Hand Articles License:

Waverly Collectibles, 503 Trapelo Road

Antiques by Old Mystic, 367 Trapelo Road

Dick's Place, 360A Trapelo Road

Ursula Weaver d/b/a All That Matters, 400 Trapelo Road

Annette J. Hannon d/b/a As Tyme Goes By, 97 Trapelo Road

Anthony J. Sacca d/b/a A. Sacca Junk, 49 Baker Street

Taxi License:

Yellow Cab of Belmont, d/b/a Keegan Taxi, Belmont Cab, 61R White Street Laundromat License:

Adam J. Tocci d/b/a Belmont Street Laundromat, Inc, 167 Belmont Street Adam J Tocci d/b/a Easy Does It Laundromat, 507 Common Street

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Action by Writing

Memorandum from Traffic Advisory Committee re: Marlboro Street

The Board moved: to approve the Traffic Advisory Committee's recommendation (as documented in Mary Jo Frisoli's memorandum dated May 10, 2005) to remove the temporary "No Turns" signs located at the Belmont Street/Marlboro Street intersection.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Correspondence from Cambridge Community Development Department re: Concord-Alewife Rezoning Petition

The Board of Selectmen discussed the current "upzoning" of the Concord-Alewife section of Cambridge (which borders Blanchard Road and Brighton Street between Channing Road and Concord Avenue).

Town Administrator Younger will follow up on this project with the Cambridge Community Development Department.

Memorandum from Community Development Director re: Gilmore Road Sewer Easement Agreement

The Board moved: to sign the sewer easement agreement for Gilmore Road, as requested by Community Development Director Glenn Clancy in his memorandum dated May 5, 2005.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Other

The Board of Selectmen discussed an ongoing mediation effort spearheaded by Acting Assistant Town Administrator Becky Vose to remedy a disagreement between local residents over parking issues on Sherman Street. Ms. Vose will continue to mediate this effort and collect feedback from all involved residents.

The Board moved: to sign three copies of the Joint Public Safety Dispatchers Union agreement.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board adjourned its open session at 9:30p.m.

Thomas G. Younger Town Administrator