

Town of Belmont
Capital Budget Committee
Chenery Community Room
Monday Evening, May 7, 2007, 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 Monday, May 7, 2007, in the Chenery Community Room, as part of the "Blueprint for Belmont" project. Angelo Firenze, as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presided over the joint meeting. Mr. Firenze called the joint meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. John Bowe, Mark F. Clark, Jennifer M. Fallon, and Daniel Leclerc of this Committee 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.

Mr. Firenze began by calling upon Peter Castanino, Director of the Department of Public Works. Mr. Castanino gave a report concerning the outsourcing of vehicle maintenance. Mr. Firenze expressed concern that this meeting was not well attended and that this Group's efforts had not produced results for the Town commensurate with those efforts. Others noted the enormous task that change is and cautioned against premature discouragement.

Mr. Firenze then called on various subcommittees to report. Chairmen or members of the subcommittees reported, some distributing written materials, concerning such topics as health insurance, regionalization/shared services, new sources of revenue, energy saving, systems and processes, waste management, core functions, and consolidation of School Department and other Town Department functions. At the end of the subcommittee reports, the entire Group discussed the appropriateness of making a report to Town Meeting and providing the members of Town Meeting an opportunity to discuss Town finances. For a more detailed report on the discussions by the "Blueprint Group" and further actions to be undertaken, see the minutes of the Board of Selectmen.

At the conclusion of the main business of the meeting and following informal discussion of dates, Mr. Firenze set a date for the next joint meeting concerning the "Blueprint Group": Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., September 12, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark F. Clark