

- **MINUTES**
- **TOWN OF BELMONT**
- **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
- **SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM**
- **Monday, August 16, 2010**
  - **7:00 PM**
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- **CALL TO ORDER**

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- A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:09 pm by Chair Jones in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Paolillo was present, Selectman Firenze was not present. Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti was present, Town Administrator Tom Younger was not present.

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- **QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**
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- [There were none.]

- **ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**
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- **Mr. Anthony Amedio, DPW Highway Employee, Recognition**
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- Chair Jones noted that Mr. Amedio came in on Sunday to water the roses on his own time and a citizen rode by and complained about wasteful public spending. Chair Jones presented a certificate of recognition to Mr. Amedio and thanked him for his service.

- - *The Board moved:* To approve the certificate of appreciation for Mr. Amedio's efforts in beautifying Belmont.
  - The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

- Ms. Carolyn Sharrino read a certificate from the Belmont Garden Club thanking Mr. Amedio. She presented him with a bouquet of flowers picked from the area he had watered.

- **Retail Liquor License Application - Craft Beer Cellars**
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- Ms. Kathryn L. Baker and Ms. Suzanne L. Schalow appeared before the Board to request a retail liquor license application for Craft Beer Cellars. Mr. Conti said there were no issues with this license request and that all the paperwork was in order.

- - *The Board moved:* To approve the retail liquor license request for Craft Beer Cellars.
  - The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- **Approval Regionalization – Sealer of Weights and Measures**
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- Mr. Stefan Russakow, Health Director, appeared before the Board regarding the plan to regionalize the town’s position of sealer of weights and measures with Arlington. He explained that the position was 3 or 4 hours a week – by regionalizing with Arlington, the town ought to save about \$1,000 or \$2,000 a year. Mr. Conti noted that the agreement with Arlington would be renewable after one year.

- The Board signed papers.
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- *The Board moved:* To approve the regionalization of the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures with the town of Arlington.
- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- **ACTION BY CONSENT**
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- **Approval of State Primaries Warrant scheduled for 9/14/2010**
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- *The Board moved:* To approve the State Primaries Warrant scheduled for 9/14/2010.
- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).
- The Board signed the papers.

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- **Approval of BOS Minutes 4/26/10, 6/7/10, and 7/12/10**
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- *The Board moved:* To accept the above noted minutes.
- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- **ACTION BY WRITING**
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- **Police Department – Acceptance of Gift from Mr. Carl F. Barron to Hold a Ceremony for an Outstanding Police Officer**
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- *The Board moved:* To accept the \$1,000 gift from Mr. Carl F. Barron.
- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- **Police Department – Appointment as a Special Police Officer, Jim Gallo**
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- Mr. Conti explained that a special police officer would assist Belmont during days when crowd control was necessary: Town Day, Holiday Night, etc.
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- *The Board moved:* To appoint Mr. Jim Gallo as Special Police Officer.
- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- **Police Department – Appointment to Auxiliary Police, Matthew Barmmer**
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- *The Board moved:* To approve the request for appointment of Mr. Matthew Barmmer to the Auxiliary Police.
- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- **Renewal License Dvin Jewelers and CTC Gold Refinery**
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- Mr. Clancy said that CTC Gold Refinery has not filled out the appropriate forms for signage. Mr. Clancy said he intends to fine the owner if the papers are not submitted immediately.

- *The Board moved:* To approve the renewal license of Dvin Jewelers.
- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- **Support City of Somerville for Community Path Extension**
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- The City of Somerville would like the Board of Selectmen to send a letter of support for its bike path extension in Somerville. The Board discussed what the letter of support would entail.

- *The Board moved:* To send a letter to Somerville in support of its bike path extension in order that Somerville may receive TIGER II grants.
- The motion passed unanimously.

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- **Cushing Village – Access Agreement for Environmental Testing**
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- The Cushing Village developers are seeking permission to drill testing wells in the Town of Belmont’s municipal parking lot at 116 Trapelo Road as a part of a cleanup of possible contaminants which may be underground. Chair Jones mentioned the impact of this on the proposed purchase and sale agreement for the property. Selectman Paolillo said he was not comfortable moving forward with this, as he has questions that need to be addressed. Mr. Conti suggested that Selectman Paolillo submit his questions to the Town Administrator’s office so they can be answered by Town Counsel.

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- **National Grid Petition – Chilton Street**
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- Mr. Dennis Regan, from National Grid, together with Mr. Clancy, appeared before the Board to request a permit for Chilton Street. Mr. Clancy explained that this work would improve sewer water flow in this region.

- *The Board moved:* To approve the National Grid permit request for Chilton Street.
- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- **Pavement Management: 1. Approval Contract, 2. Scope of Work for Belmont Center, 3. Trapelo Road Project**
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- Mr. Glenn Clancy, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to discuss the three issues noted above.
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- He began with the pavement management contract and outlined the areas that would be addressed. The Board signed the contract papers.
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- *The Board moved:* To approve the pavement management contract with Bridges LLC.
- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).
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- Regarding the second topic, Belmont Center, Mr. Clancy said a group will be formulated and charged with studying the major impacts to Belmont Center (biking, parking, lighting, etc.) and create a concept (hopefully by mid January) that the community can support and the Board can support as well. The TAC will vet the concept as well. The Board discussed funding sources for the Belmont Center project.
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- Finally, Mr. Clancy spoke on the Trapelo Road culvert project – he met with Waltham regarding this project. In order to receive state funding, Trapelo Road would be raised, but an analysis of the water table would be necessary and Waltham funds would be required. Mr. Clancy said the culvert could be fixed to help reduce Trapelo Road flooding. Mass. DOT supports this design concept, he said, and he is hoping to have the design plan submitted by the end of the year.
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- Chair Jones noted that flooding on Marsh Street has gotten worse. Mr. Clancy explained how the water is flowing into properties and that citizens took matters into their own hands, but that caused more problems on Marsh and Evergreen. Chair Jones said it will probably take a Town Meeting to appropriate funding to address this flooding issue.
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- **Committee Appointment Issues – Council on Aging, Cultural Council**
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- Chair Jones noted that two individuals have moved out of town, but that each would like to remain on their prospective committees. Mr. Conti asked Town Counsel about the appropriateness of this. The Mass. Law states that if someone moves out of town they may continue to serve, but that the action of leaving town creates a *de facto* vacancy, so that these individuals would need to be reappointed. Selectman Paolillo said that he is concerned about precedent setting and stated that he would prefer not to appoint individuals to committees who do not live in Belmont.
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- The Board expressed concern about allowing non-residents to continue to serve on committees when Belmont citizens may be interested in filling those spots. Mr.

Conti suggested that the Cultural Council can vary greatly in size, so allowing an active member to continue on the Council after having moved will not prevent any Belmont residents from serving.

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- *The Board moved:* To re-appoint Ms. Sara Bruya to the Cultural Council.

- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- The Board discussed committee appointments in general. Certain committees could be appointed by Mr. Younger while other committees would need specific Board appointments.

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- **Scheduling Issue**

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- Chair Jones will be away on Monday, September 13. He proposed that the Board meet Friday, September 10, and that the meeting scheduled for September 13 be cancelled.

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- **Executive Session**

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- *The Board moved (8:05 p.m.):* To enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and litigation and to not return to open session.

- The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

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- *(During executive session, three substantive motions were made and all passed unanimously. The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.)*

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- Thomas G. Younger, Town Administrator