



Minutes of the
Town of Belmont
REGULAR SESSION
of the
SELECT BOARD
April 1, 2024

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Approved by the Select Board:
Monday, April 8, 2024

I. Call to Order: Mr. Epstein called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Select Board Members	Present	Staff Members	
Roy Epstein, Chair	Yes	Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator	Yes
Elizabeth Dionne, Vice-Chair	Yes	Jennifer Hewitt, ATA/Finance Director	Yes
Mark Paolillo, Member	Yes	Others Present	
		Filippo deMagistris, il Casale & The Wellington	

II. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS. Ms. Dionne made the following announcement:

- Eclipse Watch Party – April 8, 2024 at Town Field, 1:30-4:00pm

III. COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

- Kathy Keohane: Thanked the Town employees for their hard work.
- Judith Feinleib: Thanked Mark Paolillo for his service as a Select Board member and service to the Town.
- Ms. Dionne: Thanked Mr. Paolillo for his work on the Board.
- Mr. Epstein: Also thanked Mr. Paolillo for his collaboration and dedication to the Select Board and Town.
- Mr. Paolillo: Spoke about his experience on the Board and his enjoyment of working with the other members and the staff. He also thanked his family for their support and the residents for the opportunity to serve.
- Ms. Garvin: Thanked Mr. Paolillo for supporting the staff and expressed her enjoyment working with him.
- Siobhan Gallagher: Asked if Belmont has looked at Brookline's private fund to support property tax relief for seniors as a possible option for Belmont. Ms. Dionne spoke about the discussions about and challenges with creating such a fund. There was a discussion of options around senior tax relief.

IV. ACTION BY CONSENT: None

Discussion and Possible Vote to Accept Donation in the Amount of \$250.00 for the Eclipse Watch Party Event from Lynn Findlay Homes

There was a discussion of how the funds would be used in support of the Eclipse Watch Party.

A Motion was made to accept the donation of \$250.00 from Lynn Findlay Homes for the Eclipse Watch Party Interested. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

Approval of Minutes

March 18, 2024 Regular Session:

A Motion was made to approve the March 18, 2024 Regular session minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

March 25, 2024 Regular Session:

A Motion was made to approve the March 25, 2024 Regular session minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

December 12, 2022 Regular Session:

A Motion was made to approve the December 12, 2022 Regular session minutes. The motion was seconded and passed 2-0-1 with Ms. Dionne abstaining.

December 13, 2022 Regular Session:

A Motion was made to approve the December 13, 2022 Regular session minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed 2-0-1 with Ms. Dionne abstaining.

Public Hearing – Discussion and possible vote on a liquor license application from Altruista Developments, LLC, d/b/a il Casale Belmont, located at 50 Leonard Street, on the Application for an Amendment – Change or Alteration of Premises Information

Mr. Epstein opened the Public Hearing at 7:20pm.

Ms. Garvin explained that during Covid the Alteration of Premises requirement was waived, but now this process is required. Once the Town approves this application, it then goes to the State, which must also review and approve it.

Ms. Dionne explained that an agreement was reached with the Belmont Center Business Association and the Town to allow for continued outdoor dining, and that the Select Board approved the agreement.

There was a discussion of the process and the outdoor dining program.

Mr. deMagistris explained that he can serve food but not alcohol outdoors until the State approval is received.

Mr. Epstein asked if this approval would be needed yearly, and Ms. Garvin said no unless there was a change of premises made.

A Motion was made to approve the liquor license application from Altruista Developments, LLC, d/b/a il Casale Belmont, located at 50 Leonard Street, on Application for an Amendment – Change or Alteration of Premises Information. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

Other Business Not Anticipated by the Chair - None

Select Board Reorganizational Meeting: Mr. Epstein announced that the meeting would be held Friday, April 5, 2024 at 8:30am and that there will be no public comment at that meeting. Mr. Epstein confirmed that the change in Board leadership would take effect on July 1st

The Board took a recess at 7:28pm and returned at 7:40pm.

Public Hearing – Discussion and possible vote on a liquor license application from Eatup, LLC, d/b/a The Wellington, located at 75 Leonard Street, on the Application for an Amendment – Change or Alteration of Premises Information

Mr. Epstein opened the Public Hearing at 7:40pm and explained that this is the same situation as explained during the hearing for il Casale, above.

A Motion was made to approve the liquor license application from Eatup, LLC, d/b/a The Wellington, located at 75 Leonard Street, on the Application for an Amendment – Change or Alteration of Premises Information. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

Next Meetings & Upcoming Topics

1. Friday, April 5, 2024 – 8:30 AM – Reorganizational Meeting
2. Monday, April 8, 2024 – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting
3. Monday, April 29, 2024 – 5:30 PM – Pre-ATM Meeting
4. Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 5:30 PM – Pre-ATM Meeting

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting of the Belmont Select Board and the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Peghiny, Recording Secretary