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**TRANSCRIPT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
First Session
November 29, 2004**

[The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Belmont was called to order in the Auditorium of the Belmont High School on Monday, November 29, 2004, at 7:36 p.m., by the Moderator, Henry L. Hall, Jr.]

MR. WINSTON recognized Lydia Phippen Ogilby and her family for presenting an agricultural restriction to the Belmont Land Trust and to the American Farmland Trust that will forever preserve her land from development, the last ten acres.

MR. FIRENZE recognized that the Belmont High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team completed another very successful season in 2004. The team posted a regular season record of 17-0 and 1 and brought the Middlesex League Championship back to Belmont. He presented a Proclamation.

DR. SOLOMON presented a report from the Board of Selectmen and thanked Anne Marie Mahoney for her years of service to the Town.

DR. SOLOMON: MOVED: that Article 1 be laid on the table.

The motion is unanimously adopted by two thirds vote.

ARTICLE 2

MR. FIRENZE: MOVED: That the position of Town Treasurer become appointed, rather than elected, subject to acceptance of the change by the voters of the Town at the next annual Town election, all pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 1B of the General Laws.

The motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 3

MR. BROWNSBERGER: MOVED: That the Fiscal Year 2005 operating budget of the Town as voted under Article 4 of the April 26, 2004, Annual Town Meeting be amended as follows: 1. Debt Service Program 700 be, and hereby is, reduced by the amount of \$248,362. 2. That the amount of \$2,352.22 be, and hereby is, transferred from Premium on Bond Sales to Debt Service Program 700.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 4

DR. SOLOMON: MOVED: That Article 4 be dismissed.

The motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 5

MR. FIRENZE: MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$279,440 for the purchase of the modular units currently being used for school and Town offices located behind Belmont High School, said sum to be raised by transfer from the Kendall Insurance Fund, and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

The motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 6

MR. BROWNSBERGER: MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$97,000 for the purpose of completing repairs to the elevators in various school buildings, said sum to be raised by transfer from free cash, and expended under the direction of the School Committee.

The motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 7

DR. SOLOMON: MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$12,700 to purchase and install

a telephone system for the Town Hall, said sum to be raised by transfer from free cash, and expended under the direction of the Town Hall Complex Building Committee.

The motion is adopted.

ARTICLE 8

MR. FIRENZE: MOVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$1,270.41 to pay a Fire Department bill of a prior fiscal year from ASAP Software, said sum to be raised by transfer from free cash, and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

The vote is unanimous.

ARTICLE 9

MR. BROWNSBERGER: MOVED: That there be, and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$20,625 to repair deficiencies in the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in Town Hall, said sum to be raised by transfer from the Insurance Proceeds Account, and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 10

MR. HEIGHAM: MOVED: That under Article 10, the reading of the proposed Amendment of Section 4.2.2 of the Belmont Zoning By-Law entitled "Linear Requirements" be dispensed with, the same being set forth in full under Article 10 in the Warrant for this Meeting and having been distributed to each Town Meeting Member.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 10

MR. HEIGHAM: Moved: That the Town amend Section 4.2.2 of the Belmont Zoning By-Law entitled "Linear Requirements," as set forth in full under Article 10 of the Warrant for this Meeting.

The motion is unanimously adopted by two-thirds vote.

At the conclusion of Town Meeting, there was a standing ovation recognizing Melvin Kleckner for his many years of service as Town Administrator to the Town of Belmont.

DR. SOLOMON: MOTION TO DISSOLVE

The Meeting is adjourned -- dissolved.

[The Special Town Meeting of November 29, 2004 was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.]