

track building data. There was discussion regarding the type of reports that would be able to be generated and Town Administrator Beaudin advised that this program and the Vision program both use Crystal Reports and if the information is in the system queries can be run on most any data. David asked if the information is available to the public through the assessing office, Town Administrator Beaudin indicated yes, if the request is submitted in writing when time allotted the reports could be run. She also noted that this is not in the CIP.

With no further discussion, Chairman Mitchell called for a vote; the vote was unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

### Municipal Facilities Design

Ken Ellis moved budget item 01-4909-401, Mark Roberts seconded.

Selectman Cormier advised this request is to facilitate the architectural design and initial planning of the new Town Hall/Police Department building and the renovations of the Police Department to a Community Center/Parks & Recreation building.

Ken Knowlton asked if the current Town Hall would require additional repairs in the proposed plan, Selectman Cormier stated no. There was discussion regarding repairs to the existing town hall and Chairman Mitchell reminded everyone that although it was previously determined that the roof needed to be replaced a structural repair had been done instead as there were not enough funds for roof replacement. Selectman Cormier also noted that it is not the intent to keep that building.

Linda Frawley felt that a step was missing as this project is not in the CIP, she also inquired if David Provan had been consulted regarding the building as he is available through the Local Government Center. Selectman Cormier advised that Town Administrator Beaudin had looked into the previous suggestion by Linda to look at USDA Rural Development Community Facilities grants and found that Belmont does not qualify for this grant because the median income for the Town is too high. Town Administrator Beaudin added that she had spoken with Susan Farber and Scott Johnson and did also find that Belmont would qualify for a low income loan through their Community Facility program for the full amount for 30 years.

Pleasant Oberhausen recalled the original plan the last time a Town Hall was proposed and remembered the parking to be a problem and feels with adding a Police Station at the same location would pose even bigger parking problems which could be unsafe. Selectman Cormier commented that the parking at the current Town Hall is not safe and doesn't feel the parking at the new proposed site would be a problem but can better determine that once a plan is in place. Pleasant indicated that a new Town Hall and Police Station would be fine but he feels they shouldn't be combined and the Police Station should be centrally located on Route 106.

Selectman Cormier expressed that if the Capital Reserve isn't approved at Town Meeting the need does not go away and it will be put forth again in 2007. He feels the

issue can no longer be ignored and we need to move forward. Chairman Mitchell reminded everyone that the last study showed the needs for the facility which would have only gotten larger at this point. Linda Frawley commented that those were not the national standard, Chairman Mitchell expressed that we need to go with Belmont standards, the remodeling of the existing building began 30 years ago and here we are still remodeling it. He commented that the building is old and decrepit and everyone has just been making due. The only thing that has changed is the need for the Police Department now exists and needs to be addressed.

With no further discussion, Chairman Mitchell called for a vote; the vote was unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

### Conservation Commission

Selectman Cormier explained that the Board of Selectmen chose to zero out this line item because the Conservation Commission has another funding mechanism through the Current Land Use change tax and feels these funds should be put toward other items.

David Morse moved budget item 01-4909-506, Linda Frawley seconded.

Ken Knowlton acknowledged that the Conservation Commission does receive funds through the Current Use penalties however, the amount of money they have will buy very little and their hope is to acquire large parcels of land to make them worth something. He noted that the community is losing trails through development and more large parcels are going away. The Conservation Commission is making an effort to acquire property for the future, Belmont has the Town Forest and that is it. Developers have more funds available and the Conservation Commission has to take time to explain it and vote it in. He noted a recent study showed the piece of land they are negotiating on in the most important parcel in Belmont, it had gone on the market and developers and miners had already made offers on it, the Conservation Commission made an offer far less and they are continuing negotiations.

Selectman Cormier pointed out that the parcel is in excess of a million dollars and this request of \$25,000 isn't going to get them there. He felt they should focus on other areas to conserve. He feels that bonding \$1.5 million is ludicrous for land that is just going to sit there, he doesn't see the need for this and what the committee is receiving from Current Use penalties is enough.

David Morse commented that the beginning of the process was late, the Conservation Commission has been working on saving funds and now the property boom is here and they don't have enough funds. Chairman Mitchell pointed out that \$300,000 is a good amount of money and what has been put aside will be put to good use to get land, but if they bond the land purchase what will the other funds be used for, Ken Knowlton indicated the funds would be used to maintain the land and develop the Town Forest.