

Upon unanimous consent it was unanimously "VOTED: That permission be granted to offer a resolution." Whereupon Mr. Frederick J. Dowd read the following resolution in behalf of the late Edwin Porter Taylor:

Edwin Porter Taylor was born in New Bedford August 2, 1864. He received his technical education as a member of the Class of 1886 at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He engaged in fire alarm design, construction and operation for a time, then joined the Boston Light Company which was afterwards merged into the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston. He came to Belmont as Manager of the Municipal Light Department in January 1900 and served in that capacity until his death on September 20, 1938.

Our Municipal Light Plant came into being in the year 1898 with a total of 34 customers. It retailed electricity at 20¢ per K.W.H. Mr. Taylor built that department into a thoroughly modern and up-to-date organization consisting of 7437 customers at the time of his death. Its retail prices for domestic electricity which runs from 4¢ per K. W. H. to 2¢ per K. W. H. are the lowest in our State. The efficiency of the department which he created and the soundness of the distribution system is shown by the fact that our department was back in service on the third day following the hurricane of September 21, 1938, the day following his death.

With the death of Edwin Porter Taylor Belmont has lost a servant who was part of our Town and whose genius and unflinching loyalty helped to make Belmont a town well worth living in. Our Municipal Light Department will ever be a monument to his genius, his ability and his foresight.

Be it therefore

RESOLVED that a page of the records of the Town of Belmont be devoted to the memory of Edwin Porter Taylor and to the memory of his long and faithful service to the Town of Belmont.

Be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution properly engrossed, be delivered to Nellie F. Taylor, his widow, with an expression of the sincere sympathy of the Town to her in her bereavement.

A rising vote was taken and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

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ARTICLES 2-54-58-61-47-55-56-57-4-5-49-50-51-52-53-64 and 62: Mr. J. Watson Flett made the following motion:

"MOVED: That the following articles be first considered in the following order: 2-54-58-61-47-55-56-57-4-5-49-50-51-52-53-64 and 62."

which was duly seconded and carried.

A petition was filed on March 14, 1939 by Mr. Charles Jenney for reconsideration of the action taken under the following resolution passed at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 13, 1939:

"RESOLVED, That the Inhabitants of Belmont in Town Meeting assembled are unalterably opposed to any legislation which seeks to establish public ownership, or ownership by a quasi-public corporation, of the Boston Elevated Street Railway; and that the Board of Selectmen be, and they hereby are, authorized and instructed to appear before the legislature, any legislative committee and the Governor of the Commonwealth to oppose any such legislation."

Mr. Charles Jenney "Moved: Reconsideration which was duly seconded, and explained to the meeting his purpose of again having this resolution brought before the meeting at this time.

A general discussion followed.
Voting on reconsideration it was declared lost.

ARTICLE 2: Under this article Mr. J. Watson Flett made the following motions:

"MOVED: That the Selectmen be authorized to act as the Board of Public Welfare and that they be also authorized to act as a Municipal Light Board, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint four Measurers of Wood and Bark, that Robert G. Husband be Surveyor of Lumber, and that all necessary town officials not otherwise chosen shall be appointed by the Selectmen."

which was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

"MOVED: That Giles M. Smith, John W. Cronin and Charles E. Flanders be elected members of the Planning Board and that the Planning Board act as Park Commissioners for the ensuing year."

which was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

"MOVED: That Alfred A. Gruhn, Sydney W. Farrell, James D. Shute, Henry Lamar and William D. Gatterall be elected as the Playground and Recreation Commission."

which was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

At this time the Moderator requested all the newly elected Town Meeting Members who had not been sworn in to rise and the oath was administered by the Town Clerk to the following:

Mark H. Rogers, 49 Orchard St. William M. Curtis, 49 Van Ness Rd. and George Jeffrey Miller, 21 Hammond Rd.

The Moderator Pro Tempore read a communication from the Moderator appointing the following named persons to the Warrant Committee:

Three-Year Term - Reappointments

Collins Graham, 223 Slade St. Danon E. Hall, 204 Prospect St. Grenville L. Hancock, 100 Oakley Rd. Ray A. Ilg, 242 Common St. Thomas W. Little, 11 Ross Rd.

Two-Year Term

Campbell Bosson, 560 Concord Ave. (To fill vacancy due to resignation of James R. Everett.

One-Year Term

Percy R. Winters, 31 Hammond Rd. (To fill vacancy due to resignation of Carroll F. Getchell)

ARTICLE 54: Under this article Mr. J. Watson Flett made the following motion:

"MOVED: That Seth T. Cano, Owen D. Mc Lellan, Ralph H. Willard, Walter F. Levis and William W. Kirlin be and hereby are appointed a committee with Seth T. Cano as chairman, to make an examination of the existing By-Laws of the Town and make a report with recommendations of changes and / or additions at a subsequent Town Meeting."

which was duly seconded and unanimously carried.