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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Belmont High School (BHS) Conference Room
Wednesday, June 7, 2017
6:00 PM

APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 10-16-17

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 6:11 p.m. by Chair Jim Williams in the BHS Conference Room. Selectmen Mark Paolillo (arrived at 6:13 p.m.) and Adam Dash were present. Interim Town Administrator Phyllis Marshall was also present.

Chair Williams turned to the first agenda item.

Approval of a Proclamation for Mr. Aram Postaljian of Aram's Coffee Café at 85 Trapelo Road

Chair Williams read a portion of the Proclamation.

The Board moved: To approve the Proclamation.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION BY CONSENT

Collective Bargaining Update and Possible Vote – AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees) and Belmont Police Superior Association

Ms. Jessica Porter, HR Director, appeared before the Board to provide a collective bargaining update. She began with the AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees) contract. She noted that the Belmont Police Superior Association contract is not yet resolved. She reviewed the highlights of the overall AFSCME package. She stated that the contract is a win/win for the employees as well as the Town.

The Board moved: To approve the AFSCME contract.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board signed the appropriate documentation.

Discussion and Vote on Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles, Segment B

Article 26: Citizen's Petition: General Stabilization Fund

This article was submitted by Mr. Bob Sarno, former WC member.

Town Treasurer Floyd Carman and Mr. Bob Sarno approached the table. Selectman Paolillo

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stated that, while he supports adding money to the General Stabilization Fund, he agrees with the Treasurer in keeping free cash where it is to ensure the AAA rating. He would support adding money to the General Stabilization Fund in the fall. Selectman Dash said he too would not support the article, at this time. He said all options need to be kept open.

Mr. Carman explained why the timing is not optimal in supporting this article. He stated that the Incinerator Site as well as other capital needs might require additional funding. He stated that the FY19 budget may need an infusion of free cash in order to be balanced. There are too many uncertainties at this time; now is the time to keep some options open.

Chair Williams stated that he is supporting the article. He said he does not believe free cash should support capital projects. If this money is needed in the future, he said, it can come *out* of the General Stabilization Fund.

The Board discussed various fiscal scenarios facing the town, including the high school project, the Incinerator, free cash, bonding, preserving the AAA rating.

The Board moved: Unfavorable action on Article 26.
The motion passed (2-1).

Permit Parking in the Claflin Street Municipal Parking Lot

Mr. Carman remained before the Board to discuss permit parking in the Claflin Street Municipal Parking Lot. Ms. Marshall explained the number of parking spaces available for monthly permit parking. She said there may be a need to make more permitted spaces available for permit on monthly basis due to the number of employees at new businesses in Belmont Center. Increasing the number of permit parking spaces from 60 permits to 75 permits will be a more useful allocation of parking spaces. Mr. Carman stated that most of the 60 spaces go to the employees of the Center businesses, while a few go to commuters.

The Board agreed that, at some point in the near future, the pricing of the parking permits will need to be revisited. Ms. Marshall noted that advance notice will be needed if the fees are increased.

The Board briefly discussed issues relating to Center parking.

The Board moved: To increase the Permit Parking spaces in the Claflin Street Municipal Parking Lot from 60 to 75; the issue will be revisited in several months.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Carman then briefly raised the issue of the Leonard Street loading zone in front of Champions Sporting Goods. This issue will be revisited when the Board meets on June 19.

Approval of an Application for Extended Hours for One Night (August 6-7) for a Private Wedding Function from Damian de Magistris of Il Casale, 50 Leonard Street, to remain open until 2:00 a.m.

Ms. Marshall noted that she spoke with Police Chief McLaughlin concerning the parking and the length of the event. The Chief expressed no concerns.

The Board moved: To approve the application for extended hours, details noted above. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Marshall reported on the following items:

- **Board of Selectmen Meeting Calendar:** The Board discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting(s). Mr. Thayer requested that the Solar gift be accepted on the 19th. The Board reviewed potential summer meeting dates.

NEXT MEETINGS

Friday, June 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room
Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room
Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room

Adjournment

The Board did not adjourn the meeting, but at 6:58 p.m. headed to Town Meeting.



Ms. Phyllis Marshall, Interim Town Administrator

