

Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)
Town of Belmont
2 June 2020
Conference Room: Virtual via Zoom

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DATE: July 15, 2020
TIME: 9:27 AM

APPROVED MINUTES

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Voting Members Present

- Paul Roberts <gmail.com!paulroberts> (chair) (VM)
- Glenn Wong <gmail.com!glennpwong> (vice-chair) (VM)
- Dave Goldberg <verizon.net!david.goldberg6> (secretary) (VM)
- Phil Lawrence <live.com!plaw> (VM)
- Jim Berets <verizon.net!jberets> (VM)
- Charles Smart <verizon.net!cnsmart> (founding chair) (VM)
- Dan Ellard <gmail.com!ellard> (VM)
- Jonathan Green <gmail.com!green.jbg> (VM)
- Jonathan Birge <mit.edu!birge> (VM)

Key:

VM = Voting ITAC Member
NVM = Non-Voting Member
FBL = Friend of Belmont Library
TS = Town Staff

Meeting called to order at 7:45PM

Minutes of the 16 April 2020 approved as is.

Paul Roberts introduced the topic of remote meetings in Belmont. Paul has attended a number of remote meetings. He has not seen any questions to ITAC and a number of members noted that they have also attended some meetings and they appear to be working well. We discussed the future, when the OML restriction on remote meetings is lifted. We generally agreed that the Select Board should vote to allow remote participation afterward. That will require some changes - executive session would likely no longer support remote access for example, and monitoring chat windows in a mixed meeting will need to be managed. Should we wait for that or make a recommendation to the board early? Charles Smart suggested that speaking with Patrice Garvin and Dave Petto before going to the board would be helpful to test the water. Paul Roberts will check with Patrice. Paul also suggested reaching out to other committee chairs to learn of any issues that we might address ahead of time. Phil Lawrence and Glenn Wong offered to help with the outreach.

Glenn Wong gave some detail on how Town Meeting plans to work remotely.

Paul Roberts has reached out to the School Committee about the Belmont Public Schools plan for remote learning. This year they have gone to remote learning but not using live meetings. To improve on that next year they are planning to distribute Chromebooks to middle and high school students and continue with iPads in the lower grades. Paul raised a concern about the cost of giving all students a device vs allowing students who have one use their own. Was any analysis done? We should bring this up with Steve Mazzola. Paul will ask Steve to attend the next ITAC meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 14 at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM