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DATE: 12/2/19

Main Office Conference Room, Belmont High School

Thursday, November 14, 2019

5:30pm

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Select Board in advance of Special Town Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Chair Tom Caputo. Vice Chair Adam Dash and Select Board member Roy Epstein were present. Town Administrator Patrice Garvin was present.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[None, due to time constraints.]

COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS:

[There were none.]

ACTION BY CONSENT:

Discussion, vote and positions taken on Special Town Meeting Warrant articles and amendments thereto

- Article 5: Caputo recalled from last night's meeting that the Board had voted not to take a position on Article 5 or any of its amendments.
Scott Stratford (Town Meeting Member, P8), John Robothum (Town Meeting Member, P2), Travis Franck (Town Meeting Member, P5) and Mary Bradley (Town Meeting Member, P5) were all present to give explanations of their proposed amendments to Article 5.
- Article 6: The Board had voted unfavorable action on Article 6 at last night's meeting.
Garvin provided an update from the Health Insurance Panel meeting that had taken place this morning. The panel had agreed and signed off on the modified proposal for health insurance plan design that had been negotiated with the Public Employees Committee. The Town's original proposal, as well as the final agreed upon plan design document, were now a matter of public record.
Garvin had drafted a press release for review by the Board. The Board designated Epstein to work with Garvin to revise the press release in anticipation of getting it out by the end of the week.

Discussion and possible vote on Long Term Capital Planning Committee (LTCPC) charge

Caputo provided context around the work of the Financial Task Force II in drafting a charge for the LTCPC. He had invited the Capital Budget Committee (CBC) to discuss and resolve outstanding concerns related to the proposed charge.

[Chair Anne Marie Mahoney called the Capital Budget Committee to order at 6:11pm. Stephen Pinkerton, Pat Bruschi, and Susan Burgess-Cox were present.]

Mahoney reviewed the outstanding concerns from the CBC: whether the intention was to have one or two committees going forward; composition of appointments as well as designation of voting members, specifically whether Town employees should be included as voting members; charge should explicitly identify and articulate points of overlap/collaboration with the CBC. In general the CBC was supportive of the idea for a committee that addressed longer-term capital needs.

Through discussion, the consensus understanding among the group was to clarify that the LTCPC would serve as an advisory body, making recommendations via a long-term capital plan that would be reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis. Voting was likely to consist mainly of a vote to approve this long term plan; this alleviated concerns about having the Town Administrator and School Superintendent as voting members. It was also agreed that the LTCPC should get up and running for a one year period, at which point an assessment could be made as to how the committee was functioning and collaborating with the CBC, and whether any changes to the charge were necessary.

Epstein proposed minor changes to the language around how the LTCPC should take into consideration the Town's debt when forming the capital plan. He also noted that only the Town Administrator and School Superintendent should be allowed to have designees.

Caputo and Garvin would go back to the Financial Task Force II to relay the present discussion and attempt to finalize the charge.

Vote to appoint member to Youth Commission

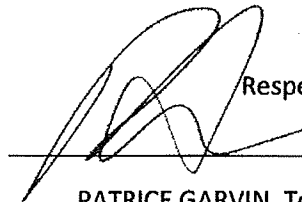
[Item deferred.]

Update on Rink Request for Proposal (RFP) and Lease

Epstein had further comments on the RFP he would send directly to Garvin. This agenda item would be taken up again at the next Select Board meeting on November 18.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn to Special Town Meeting at 6:50pm. (Vote passed 3-0)


Respectfully Submitted,

PATRICE GARVIN, Town Administrator