

Approved by Select Board:
January 18, 2024

Minutes of the
Town of Belmont
REGULAR SESSION
of the
SELECT BOARD
November 8, 2023

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DATE: January 23, 2024
TIME: 10:35 AM

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I. Call to Order: Mr. Epstein called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Select Board Members	Present	Staff & Others	
Roy Epstein, Chair	Yes	Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator	Yes
Elizabeth Dionne, Vice-Chair	Yes	Jennifer Hewitt, ATA/Finance Director	
Mark Paolillo, Member	Yes	Glenn Clancy, Town Engineer	Yes
		Holly Muson, Community Path Project Committee	yes

II. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS. None

III. COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS. None

IV. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT. None

Ms. Dionne thanked Pam Callahan and the entire Town Hall staff for their work for the community.

Discussion and possible vote on Select Board meeting dates from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024

There was a discussion of whether all the scheduled meetings in December will be necessary. For 2024, the meetings are currently schedule for:

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| • January 8, 2024 | • April 8, 2024 |
| • January 11, 2024 Budget Summit 4 | • April 22, 2024 |
| • January 22, 2024 | • April 29, 2024 Town Meeting |
| • January 18, 2024 Public Forum re: Assessors | • May 1, 2024 Town Meeting |
| • January 25, 2024 STM regarding Assessors | • May 6, 2024 Town |
| • February 5, 2024 | • May 8, 2024 Town Meeting |
| • February 26, 2024 | • May 20, 2024 |
| • March 4, 2024 | • May 29, 204 Town Meeting |
| • March 11, 2024 | • June Town Meeting Continuations |
| • April 3, 2024 Organizational Meeting | |

A Motion was made to approve the Select Board meeting dates from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

Discussion and possible vote on positions for Warrant Articles and Amendments for the Special Town Meeting, November 6, 2023

Article 2 – Community Preservation Committee Off-Cycle Requests:

- a) \$335,868 be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund for the Community Path Phase 1 Design.

Mr. Clancy explained that this additional work is needed because of MBTA design changes that are impacting the Community Path and Underpass design and the overall funding of the project.

There were questions and discussion of this article, the design, the issue of Belmont paying for the MBTA's change, funding, the timing of events in the project and design change, and the challenges of working with the MBTA and MassDOT.

Ms. Muson spoke about miscommunication between the MBTA and MassDOT but emphasized that the important issue is that Belmont wants this project done more than anyone and needs to make the project happen. She made recommendations on how the town should proceed to get to the public hearing phase and also identify issues. How to proceed was discussed.

Mr. Paolillo moved that the Select Board recommend favorable action on Article 2a. Ms. Dionne seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

- b) \$160,000 be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund for the Town Hall Retaining Wall

Mr. Paolillo moved that the Select Board recommend favorable action on Article 2b. Ms. Dionne seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

- c) \$200,000 be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund for the School Administration Building Roof Restoration.

Mr. Paolillo moved that the Select Board recommend favorable action on Article 2c. Ms. Dionne seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

Next Meetings & Upcoming Topics

1. Monday, November 13, 2023 – 5:30 PM – Pre-STM Meeting, Belmont HS
2. Thursday, November 30, 2023 – 7:00 PM – Joint Meeting – Budget Summit II
3. Monday, December 4, 2023 – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting
4. Monday, December 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting
5. Monday, December 18, 2023 – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting
6. Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – 7:00 PM – Joint Meeting- Budget Summit III

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting of the Belmont Select Board Committee, and the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Peghiny
Recording Secretary