

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Monday, January 28, 2013
7:00 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:05 pm by Chair Paolillo in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Jones and Rojas were present. Town Administrator David Kale and Assistant Town Administrator Kellie Hebert were also present.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the evening's agenda.

Moment of Silence for Mr. Dan Scharfman

Chair Paolillo noted that Dan Scharfman, who passed away last week, was a committed resident and a tireless advocate for the schools. He worked collaboratively with the town. He said that he spoke with Dan's wife, Merle Kummer, about how to honor Dan's memory and she suggested keeping the conversations going that Dan would have liked to have.

Chair Paolillo added that the Board's thoughts and prayers go out to the families of both Dan Scharfman as well as Ms. Laurie Graham's family, as her husband passed away last month.

A moment of silence was observed.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

[There were none.]

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

To Vote and Sign on MWRA Interest Free Water Bond

Town Treasurer, Mr. Floyd Carman, appeared before the Board to present the MWRA Interest Free Water Bond. Mr. Carman noted that this is for a \$500K loan, which is part of a three-part interest-free loan to fix infrastructure.

The Board moved: To approve the MWRA Interest Free Water Bond.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chair Paolillo signed the documents.

Verizon Petition 6ABRSK

Town Engineer Glenn Clancy and Ms. Ellen Joy, from Verizon, appeared before the Board to request the petition as noted above.

Chair Paolillo noted that the petition concerns the relocation of a Verizon pole. Mr. Clancy explained that the pole is inappropriately located infringing on private property.

The Board moved: To approve the Verizon petition request 6ABRSK.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

National Grid Petition for Lexington Street

Mr. Kale explained that this matter will be deferred until the Board meets again on February 11, 2013.

The Board moved: To continue the National Grid Petition for the Lexington Street matter at the next Board meeting on February 11, 2013.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

To sign the Pavement Management Design Contract for the road to be reconstructed in 2013 and also the pavement management design services for Belmont Center

Mr. Glenn Clancy remained before the Board regarding the Pavement Management Design Contract, as noted above. Mr. Clancy noted that this contract pertains to the pavement design of the roads which have been slated to be reconstructed. This reconstruction is being done in concert with the water main replacement work. Mr. Clancy named the streets involved in reconstruction.

Chair Paolillo requested that in the future he would like an update on the overall road maintenance plan for the town.

The Board discussed road maintenance. Selectman Jones noted that, with more funding, the town could have addressed more roads in a timely manner. Mr. Clancy explained that roads in need of repair are monitored closely. He added that roads are aggressively patched whenever possible.

The Board then discussed the sidewalk and curbing construction budget. Mr. Clancy explained under what circumstances sidewalk ramps are constructed.

The Board moved: To approve the Pavement Management Design Contract for the roads slated to be reconstructed in 2013 and also the pavement management design services for Belmont Center.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board signed the contract documents.

National Grid Petition for Belmont Street

Mr. Kale explained that this matter will be deferred until the Board meets again on February 11, 2013.

The Board moved: To continue the National Grid Petition for the Belmont Street matter at the next Board meeting on February 11, 2013.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Vote on Annual Town Meeting (TM) Warrant Opening and Closing Dates and Times

Chair Paolillo noted that non-financial warrant articles will be addressed at the TM on April 29, 2013, while warrant articles pertaining to Budget matters will be addressed when TM convenes in June.

The Board moved: To open the Warrant on Wednesday, January 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. and to close the Warrant on Friday, March 1, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION BY CONSENT

One-Day Liquor License – Belmont Memorial Public Library, Fundraiser
Friday, March 1, 2013 Wine and Malt only

The Board moved: To approve the liquor license as noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Belmont Center Water System Improvement Program

Town Engineer Glenn Clancy, DPW Director Peter Castanino, Mr. Mike Bishop appeared before the Board to discuss the Belmont Center Water System Improvement Program.

Mr. Kale noted that the residents from the surrounding area will need to be communicated with fully on the status of the project. He said all efforts are underway to implement a plan that disrupts the residents as little as possible. He said the project will begin in mid-April and it will take about 10 weeks to complete. He said there will be traffic spill-over as a result of the roads involved. Therefore, the construction on the main roads in Belmont Center (e.g., Leonard Street) is being proposed to be done over night. This will limit the impact on businesses and residents. He noted that there is a state grant that Belmont will apply for to complete street and sidewalk work in Belmont Center. Mr. Kale emphasized that he hopes the work will be done as quickly as it can be done with the minimum amount of disruption.

Mr. Castanino reviewed the water and gas main replacement plans. He said some of this work will be done at night during the month of June. He said he expects the entire water and gas main replacement and paving work to take several months to complete. The side streets, he explained, will be completed during the day. Light and noise will be minimized as much as it can be. The contract will go out to bid once the Board approves it.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the time-line of the project with Mr. Castanino.

Audience questions:

Mr. Chet Messer, Moderator of Plymouth Congregation Church, said there is a lot of traffic on Alexander Ave as a result of the pre-school. He said there are other users in the building as well. He said he will need to understand the schedule in more detail so as to advise the church users where to park. Mr. Castanino said he can provide those details. He added that a DPW worker will be onsite the entire time to answer residents' questions.

Mr. George said that there is a parking concern for the buildings he represents near Belmont Center. Mr. Castanino said that the water main is on the other side of the street and should not affect those buildings.

Regarding the sewer pipes, Mr. Clancy noted that necessary repairs and relining will be done.

Mr. Dangton said that the restaurants in the center rely on clean water and he is concerned about maintaining the water. Ms. Leah [?] explained how the water service will be maintained. She said there will be brief shutdowns, but that there will be advance notice to businesses and residents when that will happen.

The Board thanked the team involved for their thorough and thoughtful planning of the project.

Chair Paolillo suggested that the lines of communication remain open for all involved. He said he would like a mid-summer status update as well.

Update Report from the Community Path Advisory Committee (CPAC)

Mr. Jeff Roth, Chair of the CPAC, appeared before the Board to provide a brief update on the committee. He said there are 10 committee members and that the group meets about twice a month. He said the CPAC is reviewing existing reports on bike paths as well as economic reports relating to bike path abutters. He said the committee has explored various nearby trails and that evaluation criteria for bike routes is also being reviewed.

Mr. Roth said there will be a survey available to residents, which will be posted online.

Selectman Rojas noted that many residents are concerned about the trail. He added that he believes a bike path will be beneficial to the town.

Mr. Roth said there will be two public forums. One will be at the end of February and one in April. He said the group is looking for community input. The committee is scheduled to give a report to the Board in June and to TM on April 29.

Chair Paolillo asked about potential costs. Mr. Roth said the costs vary quite a bit. He said potential funding sources will be outlined in the final report.

The Board thanked Mr. Roth.

Mr. Vincent Stanton said he is concerned about the design of a potential trail. He noted that design details are not in the charge of this committee. He said one design may be highly favored by the abutters over another design. Selectman Rojas agreed that this is an important piece, but that this comes once the route is identified. He suggested that several design options be presented in the public meetings. Mr. Roth said that there are many “best practice” designs available for review.

New Livery Service License – New England Car Service – Mehdi Hadjidj

Mr. Hadjidj of New England Car Service appeared before the Board to request a new Livery Service license.

The Board moved: To approve the new livery service license for NE Car Service.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Proposal for In-House Advanced Life Support (ALS)

Fire Chief Frizzell and Assistant Fire Chief Davison appeared before the Board to discuss a proposal for In-House Advanced Life Support (ALS). Mr. Kale said that the recommendation is for Belmont to implement its own in-house ALS program. He said the service to residents will be advanced and there will be a faster response time. He said the revenues should cover equipment costs and start-up supplies.

Ms. Hebert reviewed the members of the study committee. Chief Frizzell reviewed the current EMS system. He then noted how BLS (Basic Life Support) is different from ALS. BLS offers basic levels of medical response. ALS response, however, is the highest level of care provided by trained paramedics. Chief Frizzell reviewed the advantages for in-house ALS. One of the main ALS advantages, he said, is a quicker response time.

Mr. Kale reviewed the expenses (personnel, medical supplies, equipment, capital) of the in-house ALS option. He noted that a portion of the revenues could be put aside for capital expenses. Regarding revenue, the FY14 start-up costs would be covered fully by the additional year one revenue. The town would receive the full ALS service payment, rather than a portion.

Mr. Kale noted that the revenue estimates are conservative so as to fully cover the year one costs. He reviewed the specific revenue numbers, based in part on “call volume assumptions.” Chair Paolillo asked about variable versus fixed costs.

The Board discussed the details of this proposal. Chair Paolillo suggested evaluating this proposal at the end of FY14. He said this needs to be viable for the town in order for it to go forward. Mr. Kale reiterated that the revenues would be monitored closely.

The Board moved: To approve implementing the proposal for In-House Advanced Life Support (ALS) for FY14.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Annual Report of the Energy Committee

Mr. Roger Colton, Energy Committee Co-Chair, appeared before the Board to present the Energy Committee's annual report. He noted that TM endorsed the creation of the Energy Committee and requested that an annual report be delivered to the Board.

Regarding electricity, he reviewed aspects of the solar zoning by-law. He noted that the school roofs are too old to support solar panels, with the exception of the Wellington. He said the Energy Committee is hoping other businesses and residents will move toward using solar panels as well.

Chair Paolillo said he would like to explore putting a solar farm at the incinerator site. Mr. Colton said that this could be a money-maker for the Belmont Light Department. He then discussed the distinction between the Belmont peak and the regional peak electricity times.

Regarding transportation, Mr. Colton acknowledged the excellent work Mr. Clancy has done to identify bike path routes. He then noted that the MOA with Massrides has been useful and he detailed the data involved. He said the zip cars are always in use and he would like to add more in Waverley Square. Each zip car takes 20 automobiles off the road.

Selectman Jones suggested that the Massrides option become a part of the benefits package in Belmont.

Regarding home heating efficiency, Mr. Colton reviewed the home energy audits. He said there are thermal scan audits that show where energy is leaking out. He said the cost of insulating his home was, in part, subsidized by the gas company.

Mr. Colton then summarized the initiatives of the Energy Committee.

The Board acknowledged the work of this committee.

Executive Session

To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union personnel.
The Board will return to Open Session. A roll call vote was taken at 9:31 p.m. and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Open Session

The Board moved: To approve the MOA between the Town and the Dispatchers union.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – January 7, 2013

The Board moved: To approve the meeting minutes of January 7, 2013.
The motion passed (2-1).

NEXT MEETINGS

February 11, 2013 7:00 p.m. (Joint SC meeting at 5:00 p.m.)

Town Administrator's Report

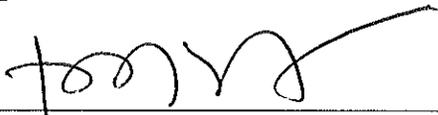
Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- *Underwood Pool:* A meeting will be held this Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 to discuss the issues relating to the pool site, field, etc.
- *Minuteman Updates:* Mr. Kale gave an update of information provided to Town Administrators/Managers at a recent Minuteman meeting. The issue of non-member support of a new building has been discussed. Senator Donnelly has introduced a bill to reimburse the new building project at 60%. There is a state task force (under the direction of the Education Commission) to look at contributions of non-member towns. Chair Paolillo said he remains concerned about the proposed size of the new facility. The Board discussed this issue.
- *Medical Marijuana:* The town is waiting for the state DPH to issue its regulations regarding the dispensing sites. This is expected to be a challenging area to regulate. The Chair of the PB will meet with the Board regarding these facilities (and drafting zoning by-law changes). There are secondary impacts that will need to be examined. Belmont, he said, may want to request a moratorium to allow for more time to collect more information. Selectman Rojas said that the moratorium may provide the time needed for the state regulations to be in place. The Board agreed that a moratorium would be helpful.

The Board moved: To work with the PB to establish a moratorium.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Note: The Board rescinded this motion and decided that this issue will need to be discussed further at the February 11 Board meeting.

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator