

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Thursday, October 17, 2013
8:00 AM**

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 8:05 am by Chair Paolillo in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Jones and Rojas were present. Town Administrator David Kale was also present.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the morning's agenda.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

[There were none.]

One Day Liquor License

Belmont Women's Club – Fundraiser at the Belmont Hill School on Thursday, October 24, 2013 for Wine and Malt only

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

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reviewed four (4) letters that he requested the Board to review and take action on:

1. Letter to Mitchell Chester, Commissioner of MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) expressing support for a letter sent by the School Committee of the Minuteman Regional Vocational and Technical School regarding the recent decision by the DESE to lower the FY14 non-resident tuition rates for non-member towns.

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

2. Letter to the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government requesting favorable action on House Bill 3657 filed by Representative David Rogers to create the position of Town Administrator in the Town of Belmont as approved by Town Meeting last spring.

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

3. Letter to the Chairs of Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure requesting favorable action on these House Bills 3655 and 3656 filed by Representative David Rogers requesting an increase in retail and restaurant liquor licenses in the Town of Belmont as approved by Town Meeting last spring.

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

4. Letter to the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Education requesting favorable action on the Senate Bill 228 filed by Senator Donnelly of Arlington with the regard to increasing the percentage reimbursement rate to the total facilities grant for Regional School (10%) and Vocational Technical School Districts (20%).

Selectman Jones asked that the BOS delay in sending this letter to allow time for the School Committee to offer feedback and to consider the possible implications of the legislation on funding of non-regional School projects, such as the Belmont High School Project. He also noted the importance of obtaining increased funding for the Minuteman School Project.

Selectman Paolillo noted the ability to determine the future financial impact to non-regional school applications submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority would be difficult since it is not quantifiable. The increase in state funding for the Minuteman project would be granted if the proposed legislation is passed. However, the issuance of the letter of support after the scheduled hearing on October 24, 2013 would be acceptable according to Michael Widmer who was in attendance at the meeting.

Selectmen Paolillo and Rojas agreed to wait to take a vote.

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 am.

Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator