

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Monday, October 28, 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 8:09 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 agenda.

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

Acceptance of \$1,500 donation to the Police Department

Chair Paolillo thanked Mr. Barron for the donation. Mr. Kale explained that this donation would be used to provide maintenance to the Police Department Memorial Stone at the Belmont Cemetery. In addition the name of the officer, Francis O'Grady who was killed in the line of duty in 1914 will be inscribed on the memorial.

The Board moved: To accept the donation of \$1,500 to the Police Department.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Underwood Pool Committee Update

Ms. Anne Paulsen, Chair of the Underwood Pool Committee, appeared before the Board to provide an Underwood Pool update. Ms. Paulsen informed the Board that a new pool debt exclusion would be on the ballot on April 1, 2014 subject to the BOS approval. She noted that the designer is in the process of being selected, and that the OPM has been selected. The schematic design, she said, should be completed in mid-January.

Ms. Paulsen said that the next step will be to identify a group of individuals to run the debt exclusion campaign. She then reviewed the timeline for the new pool. The goal is to have the new pool opened and ready to go in June 2015. She then reviewed the members of the committee.

Chair Paolillo asked if any public meetings are scheduled regarding issues relating to the pool. She said that a public meeting will be held on November 21, 2013 and that a "walk around" (on site) will be scheduled next month as well.

The Board discussed issues relating to a new pool. Ms. Paulsen and Mr. Kale thanked Mr. Castanino and Gerald Boyle for all their efforts.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

Mr. Chang, of Grant Avenue, appeared before the Board to discuss his request to move a light pole. He explained that this process has been ongoing for many months. He said that the petition to move the pole needs to go through the Board of Selectmen (acting as the Light Board).

Mr. Kale said that he has contacted Mr. Palmer, General Manager of the Light Department, to address this issue. Chair Paolillo said the Board will convene as the Light Board at a future date to further investigate this issue.

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT (continued)

Boston Logan Airport Noise Study

Mr. Myron Kassaraba, of the Logan Community Advisory Committee (CAC), and Mr. Bob Reardon, the town's representative of that committee, appeared before the Board to provide information to the Board regarding the aforementioned noise study. He said that the CAC was formed to address noise issues, which date back to 2002. He noted that the FAA was mandated to update operations of airports for both efficiency and safety. He explained how the flight patterns have changed in the recent past, and how this change has impacted Belmont. The FAA, he said, has found that the noise impact to Belmont is negligible. However, Mr. Kassaraba said that the frequency of planes over Belmont (since June) has increased.

Mr. Kassaraba informed the Board that Belmont residents have been complaining about the noise level, since the frequency has increased. He noted what the committee has done to address this issue. Next steps include meeting with the FAA regarding this change and holding a public information meeting at the Beech Street Center.

Ms. Marilyn Oettinger, Elizabeth Road, asked if the planes could be limited at night. She said the noise is very distressing when the plane is overhead and she is trying to sleep. She said she is okay with daytime flights.

Ms. Adriana Poole, Louise Road, said that that on some days there are 100 flights a day flying overhead. She said some flights are as early as 5:30 a.m. and some are very late at night. She said residents of Belmont select to live in Belmont believing it will be a quiet town.

Community Path Advisory Committee (CPAC)

Mr. Jeff Roth, CPAC Chair, and Mr. Brian Burke appeared before the Board to provide an update on the CPAC. He said the committee has been busy analyzing potential bike path routes. He said that ConCom, the Public Safety offices, neighbors, local businesses, and the School Committee have all been consulted regarding the potential routes. There will be an effort to schedule a public forum (maybe two) in the upcoming weeks. He said that CPAC will recommend a bike route in its final report.

Chair Paolillo said that Channing Road residents are very concerned about the active train route abutting the path. He said the Board would like to see consensus across town on the issues relating to the path. The Board agreed that there will need to be consensus from the community, and Selectman Jones suggested that the Board may need to take a more active role to help the committee achieve some degree of consensus. Selectman Rojas underscored the point that Channing Road residents are concerned about the focus of putting the path near active live trains. He requested that the committee keep an open mind to other path locations.

The Board agreed to work together with CPAC.

Mr. Roth noted that the abutters have been able to voice their concerns about security, privacy, and sound. He said that issues relating to safety near the path (along Channing Road) have been and will continue to be addressed.

Mr. Roth gave a brief update on the CPA application regarding a design/engineering study concerning the safety of a path.

The Board will meet with the CPAC at their next public forum.

Update: Joey's Park and the Acceptance of a Gift for the New Park

Ms. Ellen Schrieber and Ms. Diane Miller, Co-Chairs of the Friends of Joey Park, appeared before the Board to provide a Joey's Park update and to accept a gift for the new park. Ms. Miller noted that the park is about to be ready and "open for business." She thanked the numerous volunteers – including the local businesses and the town groups – who helped to construct the park. She said that the landscaping, with the help of the Shade Tree Committee, will continue in the spring.

Mr. Kale recognized the Department of Public Works for their efforts in this project.

The Board congratulated the team for all their hard work.

The Board moved: To accept, with deep appreciation, the new playground facilities at Joey's Park, as is, at the Winn Brook Elementary School gifted to the Town of Belmont by the "Friend's of Joey's Park Committee," a sub-organization of the Winn Brook PTA. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Minuteman Public Hearing on the Member Agreement Changes and the Building Project

Mr. Jack Weis and Mr. Robert McLaughlin appeared before the Board to discuss the Minuteman Public Hearing on the building project.

Mr. McLaughlin, Belmont's representative on a task force considering changes to the Minuteman Regional Agreement, summarized the status of those discussions. He detailed some of the items in the proposed member agreement. He noted that the task force's work is essentially finished, although some of the proposed changes might require either State legislation or State administrative approvals. He also noted that ultimately any changes to the Agreement will require the unanimous approval of current member towns.

Mr. Weis, Belmont's representative on the Minuteman School Committee and Minuteman Building Committee, noted that there has recently been some discussion about the possibility of Minuteman entering into intergovernmental agreements with non-member communities to have them pay for some capital costs associated with the new building. He said that if non-member communities begin to bear some of the costs, they may decide to join the district to have a "seat at the table."

Mr. Weis described the five preliminary building proposals under consideration that will be submitted to the MSBA for further study. These five alternatives include options to repair, renovate, or build a new facility for two different enrollment projections. Enrollment issues are being analyzed and will impact the proposal for the size of the new facility, explained Mr. Weis.

The Board discussed issues relating to the changes to the regional agreement and the new building versus building renovation/repair options – as well as the student enrollment implications. The Senator Donnelly Bill was also briefly discussed which would increase the percentage reimbursement amount for Vocational Educational Building Projects by 20% from the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Mr. Weis said that there will be a public forum to discuss some of these issues relating to Minuteman. Chair Paolillo said that the Board could possibly help support a public forum to get the community's input, especially on a new facility.

Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting (TM): Discussion and Vote

Article 2: Harris Field Complex Appropriation

Mr. Kale said that this article would authorize the appropriation and borrowing up to \$960K for this project, which includes new turf, track repairs, and fencing repairs.

The Board moved: To recommend favorable action on Article 2.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Article 3: Demolition Delay

Chair Paolillo noted that this article is now supported by all of the groups involved which includes the Historic District Commission, Planning Board and By-Law Review Committee.

The Board moved: To recommend favorable action on Article 3.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Amendments to Article 3

The Board moved: To recommend favorable action (on the word change), as amended.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To recommend unfavorable action (on the opt out as proposed by Mr. Stanton), as amended.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Article 4: Residential Snow Removal

The Board moved: To recommend favorable action on Article 4.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Article 5: Yard Sale – Citizen Petition

Chair Paolillo said he supports the concept of this article, as long as it does not apply to churches.

The Board moved: To recommend unfavorable action on Article 5.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Amendments to Article 5

The Board moved: To recommend favorable action on Article 5, as amended by the By-Law Review Committee which has been accepted by the Citizen who filed the article.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To recommend favorable action on Article 5, as amended by Mr. Kazanjian to remove tape, staples, nails, etc.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Convene as Board of Survey – Approve Street Name and Sign Street Plans

The Board moved: To convene as the Board of Survey at 10:12 a.m.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Glenn Clancy appeared before the Board to present the final plans.

The Board moved: To change the name of the street from Strawberry to Sumner Lane.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board members signed the final plans.

Reconvene as Board of Selectmen

The Board moved: To adjourn as Board of Survey and to reconvene as Board of Selectmen at 10:15 a.m.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Financial Task Force – Vote to Appoint Resident Members

Chair Paolillo said that six out of the nine residents who applied are recommended for appointment to serve the Financial Task Force in some capacity.

The Board moved: To appoint the following residents to the Financial Task Force:
Mr. Paul Lisanke and Mr. James Williams.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To appoint the following residents to the Financial Task Force to serve in a focus group capacity:
Mr. Justin Amico, Mr. Angelo Firenze, Mr. Andrew Levin, and Mr. James Tzouvellis.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- The Cable TV Advisory Committee is meeting to prepare for the Comcast Franchise Renew Process. The current contract is scheduled to expire in October 2014. The Cable TV Advisory Committee will provide the BOS an update in December.
- An update on the status on the three home rule petitions before the state legislature on increasing the number of retail and restaurant liquor licenses and the Town Administrator Act, which were approved by Town Meeting in the spring. The Town administrator provided testimony on the three home rule petitions before the Joint Committee reviewing these bills.

- Incinerator Site legislation has passed in the House and will move to the Senate
- The preparation of the Re-cap and tax rate information is being analyzed with Assessor, Town Accountant and Town Treasurer. The Assessors will seek to have the BOS approve the tax rate in December.
- December 5 and 18, the Warrant Committee will hear presentations on OPEB and Pension liabilities

ACTION BY CONSENT

Livery License:

- New License Application: Marashio Limousine & Livery, (Mr. Mark Marashio) to operate out of 325 Trapelo Road, Belmont

The Board moved: To approve the livery license as noted above, expiring December 31, 2013.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To approve the livery license for the calendar year 2014.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

- One Day License to serve All Alcohol beverages at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 404 Concord Avenue, on November 23, 2013.

The Board moved: To approve the liquor license as noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION BY WRITING

Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month - November 2013

Two members from the Pancreatic Cancer Advocacy Group appeared before the Board regarding the Pancreatic Cancer Proclamation.

Chair Paolillo read the Proclamation.

Board members signed the Proclamation.

Proclamation for United Nations Day 10-24-13

Chair Paolillo read the Proclamation.

Board members signed the Proclamation.

Payson Park 100th Anniversary Celebration Proclamation

Chair Paolillo read the Proclamation.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

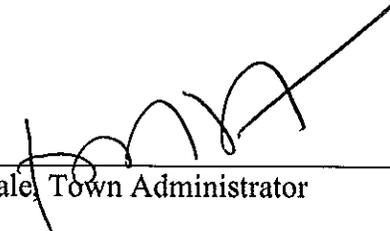
- May 21, 2013
- September 23, 2013
- September 30, 2013
- October 3rd, 2013
- October 7, 2013
- October 17, 2013

The Board moved: To approve the meeting minutes of the above noted dates.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

NEXT MEETINGS

November 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Chenery Middle School.
November 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator