

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Monday, February 25, 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 8:11 am 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 morning's agenda.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS [There were none.]

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

National Grid Petition (Homer Road)

Mr. Glenn Clancy, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to review the National Grid Petition for Homer Road. Mr. Clancy informed the Board that this request was routine and straightforward. The gas main will be extended for residential gas conversions on Homer Road.

The Board moved: To approve the National Grid petition request as noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

MWRA Contracts

Mr. Clancy requested that the Board members sign the design work and construction oversight contracts for the MWRA. The scope of the work, he explained, is throughout town. Mr. Clancy informed the Board that this project continues the water, sewer and stormwater management projects as planned and authorized by Town Meeting.

The Board moved: To approve the design work and construction oversight contracts for the MWRA in the amount of \$104K.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board signed the contract papers and returned them to Mr. Clancy.

Initiative and Update on "No Texting and Driving" Campaign

Assistant Chief MacIsaac, Sgt. Mailhot, and Mr. John Carson, a resident of Belmont, appeared

before the Board to provide an update on the “no texting and driving campaign.” Mr. Carson explained that he was hit by a car (while on a moped) three years ago. He informed the Board that the driver was more than likely texting while she was driving.

Mr. Carson then reviewed the highlights of his proposal:

- to establish anxiety/guilt regarding texting and driving
- to establish shared responsibility among police, schools, selectmen, parents, etc.
- to institute a town-wide policy establishing texting “traps,” and leverage AT&T resources
- to talk with parent groups, students, businesses.

Chair Paolillo said that these are great ideas. Assistant Chief MacIsaac said that Sgt. Mailhot has done some research on this topic, specifically noting West Bridgewater’s initiatives. Assistant Chief MacIsaac said that education is a necessary step, perhaps in the form of a flyer. Mr. Kale noted that AT&T created a flyer on this topic that could be disseminated at Town Day. Mr. Carson stressed that this campaign will need to be reinforced over the next several years. Regarding next steps, Chair Paolillo said that Mr. Carson has the support of the Board to move forward on this initiative.

The Board moved: To approve and support a multi-lateral approach to enforcing the “no texting and driving” campaign, as well as to support a town-wide employee policy on texting while driving.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Committee Appointments: Historic District Commission (HDC)

HDC Chair, Mr. Michael Smith, appeared before the Board regarding these committee appointments. Mr. Smith noted that two members have left the HDC, and that replacements have been found. Mr. Smith reviewed the credentials of Mr. Jacob Cohen and Mr. James Bell and requested that these individuals be appointed to the HDC.

The Board moved: To appoint Mr. Jacob Cohen and Mr. James Bell to the HDC for three a year term.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To re-appoint Ms. Lauren Mier as an alternate member to the HDC for a three year term.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Selectman Rojas clarified the term appointments.

Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Katherine Robinson as someone from the community willing to volunteer to aid the HDC in its efforts. She is an enthusiastic supporter of preserving historic properties. The Board welcomed Ms. Robinson and thanked her for volunteering.

Update: Demolition Delay By-Law

Mr. Smith remained before the Board to provide an update on the most recent version of the proposed Demolition Delay By-Law. The Board discussed that there was no leverage to halt the demolition of the church in Waverley Square which was recently torn down. Mr. Smith noted that more clarification was needed on which properties would be protected by such a by-law. He said 215 potential properties have been identified as both historic and significant. He explained that the by-law does not prevent demolition, but stalls it for 12 months so that the town can work with a developer. He said there will be a public hearing on the proposed by-law, as well as presentations to the WC, to the CBC, and to the precincts.

Chair Paolillo said that the Board supports this by-law but noted that more clarity may be needed on how the 215 properties were identified. He then inquired about the process for this by-law. Selectman Rojas noted that the Planning Board is gathering information on the religious and municipal buildings throughout town which may have historical significance.

Mr. Smith then spoke to the properties that Town Counsel said were not historic in nature. He noted that municipal properties would be dealt with separately. The Board discussed issues relating to the proposed By-Law. The Historic District Commission plans to hold public meetings to get feedback and to further refine the proposed By-Law before it is submitted on the official Town Meeting Warrant.

Approval of the Butler Building Envelope Contract

School Superintendent Dr. Kingston, Mr. Tony DiCologero (Finance Director), and Mr. Fred Dominici (Buildings and Grounds) appeared before the Board regarding the second phase of the Butler Building Envelope Contract.

The Board moved: To approve phase two of the Butler Building Envelope Contract in the amount of \$149K.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Presentation of FY14 and FY15-19 Capital Requests

The above school representatives remained before the Board to discuss the FY14 capital budget requests. Mr. Kale noted that, in general, there are many more requests from across the town departments than there is funding for. He noted that sewer and water projects are included in the list as well as "pay-as-you-go" projects and the ALS funded projects.

The Board reviewed the allocated funding as well as the requests from the School Department. Chair Paolillo asked specifically about renovating the White Field House. Mr. Dominici said that the structure is sound and that the building could be renovated. The Board discussed that renovation would tie the field house into its current use given that the rink (among other buildings) need renovation as well. The Board expressed the need for a workable plan to coordinate the needs of all the buildings throughout town. Dr. Kingston said that this building simply needs to remain on a Capital request list given its condition.

Mr. Kale noted that funding for a skating rink feasibility plan is on the DPW's capital request list. He said when the rink eventually fails its inspection, it would be good to already be thinking of next steps (similar to the Underwood Pool).

Selectman Jones acknowledged that many of the school's requests are energy-related. He asked if ESCO could help. Mr. Dominicini said that this is being looked into.

The Board then discussed the CBC's approach to establishing the criteria and coordinating the priorities of the capital needs throughout town.

Mr. Peter Castanino, DPW Director, approached the table to discuss the feasibility study for the rink. He noted that a professional opinion regarding its current condition and cost estimates for a new rink would be helpful. He said that location alternatives for a new rink will need to be explored. He said the rink is available to the public 5 months of the year and is well used by various sporting groups. He said he wants to be ahead of the curve should something happen to the rink, e.g., a failed inspection.

The Board then asked questions of Mr. Castanino regarding the DPW's capital requests, e.g., a synthetic field and basketball court repair.

Ms. Maureen Connors, Library Director, approached the table to answer questions regarding the request to paint the library. Mr. Kale said this request could come out of the general fund and that this needs to be addressed because the both the window sills and the existing paint condition are in tough shape. Chair Paolillo noted that \$6.6M is required to repair the library in its current shape.

Fire Chief Frizzell and Assistant Fire Chief Davison approached the table regarding the fire department's capital requests, e.g., a new ladder truck. Mr. Kale spoke to how these requests could be funded over the next five years. Chief Frizzell spoke to the need for a new ladder truck and a new engine truck. He said the dependability of the truck is now currently being questioned as the vehicle is getting old. The engine truck did not pass its pumping certification.

ACTION BY CONSENT

One- Day Liquor Licenses

Kitchen on Common, 442 Common Street

Wine Tasting Dinner, March 25, 2013, Wine and Malt only

Beech Street Center, 266 Beech Street

Patricia Ann Harney, Bar Mitzvah – March 9, 2013 Wine and Malt only

Waldorf High School, 160 Lexington Street

Auction/Dinner for Scholarships, March 2, 2013 – Wine and Malt only

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

ACTION BY WRITING

Town Clerk Ms. Ellen O'Brien Cushman appeared before the Board to request formal approval and signatures for the Warrant to hold the Annual Town Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

The Board moved: To approve the Town Warrant for the Annual Town Election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 2013.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Regular BOS Meeting: January 14, 2013
- Joint Meeting BOS and School Committee: February 11, 2013
- Regular BOS Meeting: February 11, 2013

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Mr. David Kale reported on the following items:

- Senator Brownsberger has informed Mr. Kale that Trapelo Road funding is moving forward and construction is expected to begin this summer.
- March 1st is the deadline for proposed warrant articles; Ms. Hebert said the draft warrant at its next meeting on Monday, March 4 at 8:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETINGS

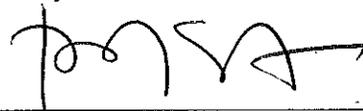
The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2013 at 8:00 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved at 9:49 a.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The Board will not return to open session.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:10 am.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator



TOWN OF BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR 2013

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 2, 2013

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APRIL 2, 2013
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables in said County:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Belmont, qualified as the law requires to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet at their respective polling places in said Town on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, between ten minutes before seven o'clock in the forenoon and eight o'clock in the evening of said day to give their votes for the following Town Officers for the following terms of office:

One Moderator of Town Meetings for one year

One Selectman for three years

One Member of the Board of Assessors for three years

One Member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for three years

One Member of the Board of Health for three years

Two Trustees of the Public Library for three years

Two Members of the School Committee for three years

One Member of the Housing Authority for five years

Twelve Town Meeting Members from Precinct One for three years

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct One for one year

Twelve Town Meeting Members from Precinct Two for three years

Twelve Town Meeting Members from Precinct Three for three years

Twelve Town Meeting Members from Precinct Four for three years

One Town Meeting Members from Precinct Four for one years

Twelve Town Meeting Members from Precinct Five for three years

Twelve Town Meeting Members from Precinct Six for three years

Twelve Town Meeting Members from Precinct Seven for three years

Twelve Town Meeting Members from Precinct Eight for three years

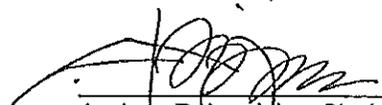
POLLING LOCATIONS

- PRECINCT 1: Belmont Memorial Library Assembly Room
336 Concord Avenue
- PRECINCT 2: Belmont Town Hall, Selectmen's Room
455 Concord Avenue
- PRECINCT 3: Beech Street Center
266 Beech Street
- PRECINCT 4: Daniel Butler School Gymnasium
90 White Street
- PRECINCT 5: Beech Street Center
266 Beech Street
- PRECINCT 6: Belmont Fire Headquarters
299 Trapelo Road
- PRECINCT 7: Burbank School Gymnasium
266 School Street
- PRECINCT 8: Winn Brook School Gymnasium
97 Waterhouse Road, Enter from Cross Street

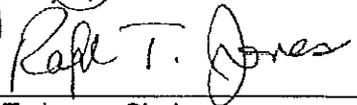
Given under our hands, this 25th of February 2013



Mark A. Paolillo, Chairman



Andres Rojas, Vice Chairman

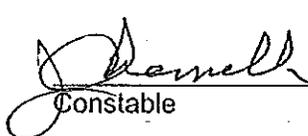


Ralph T. Jones, Chairman

Town of Belmont, Board of Selectmen

True copy Attest: 

Town Clerk

Posted:  Feb 25, 2013

Constable Date