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**TOWN OF BELMONT
FINANCIAL TASK FORCE
REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES SUB GROUP**

Minutes: Wednesday, October 1, 2014, Town Hall Conference Room #4, 5:00PM
Present: Floyd Carman, Charles Clark, Daniel A Dargon Jr, Anne Helgen,
Charles R. Laverty III, Jim Williams
Other: Michael Trainor

Floyd Carman called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Old Business

Motion to approve minutes of the September 3, 2014 meeting as amended passed with four votes.

- Charles Clark abstained from voting, as he was not present for the September 3, 2014 meeting.
- Charles Laverty was not present at the time of the vote.

Belmont Town Department Fee Review (Floyd Carman, Jim Williams, Michael Trainor)

The Sub Group confirmed that all necessary materials for this aspect of the final report have been generated.

Parking Revenue (Floyd Carman)

On September 29, 2014 the Board of Selectmen approved all of the Sub Group recommendations for increasing the Town's parking revenue except for the additional commuter parking on Cottage St. Floyd Carman stressed that the purpose of increasing the parking meter rates and monthly pass fees is to enable the Town to cover their current parking service costs.

Charles Laverty arrived at 5:13pm.

PILOT Programs (Charles Laverty)

Anne Helgen suggested drafting the PILOT program recommendation in such a way that it highlights the reciprocal benefits both the Town and non-profit entities receive through participation in the PILOT program. It was also suggested that the Town request Belmont Hill School to provide an updated written assessment of their contributions to the community. Dan Dargon argued that Belmont Hill School is not likely to generate an updated document, but copies of their original correspondence detailing their contributions to the Town could be included with the annual PILOT letters.

New Growth Opportunity South Pleasant Street (Charles Clark)

Charles Clark will incorporate insights from the Planning Board when drafting this section of the final report, which will detail the type of developments that would be compatible with this area of the Town and the strategies needed to facilitate these new growth opportunities.

Other Growth Opportunities (Charles Clark)

Anne Helgen inquired whether there is a conservation restriction on the Mill St. Barn property. If there is no such restriction, the land could be used for a playground or recreation field. Floyd Carman suggested that the Boston Historic Architecture Firm may dismantle the barn free of charge in return for full use of the materials recovered from the building (similar to the agreement that was made when the Clark House was dismantled).

Other Revenue Opportunities (Dan Dargon)

Dan Dargon confirmed that taxes from the cellular antennas in Belmont are already built into the capital stream. More information regarding this arrangement will be e-mailed to Floyd Carman.

Parks and Recreation Opportunities (Anne Helgen)

Anne Helgen showed that many other comparable municipalities have successfully created self-funded and self-sufficient recreation departments despite having less recreational assets to offer than the Town of Belmont. This has been accomplished through the creation of additional and more interesting recreation programs, and the appointment of a Recreation Director to manage all recreational assets.

Floyd Carman suggested recommending, as part of the final report, that the Town hires a Recreation Director by June 2015.

Anne Helgen asked that the other members of the Sub Group review the draft of the Parks and Recreation Opportunities section of the final report and provide her any feedback prior to the next open meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 5:00PM, Town Hall Conference Room 4.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Trainor