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TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN – Working Session
SELECTMEN’S MEETING ROOM
Thursday, April 23, 2015
8:30 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

A working session meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 8:45 a.m. by Chair Baghdady in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room. Selectmen Paolillo and Williams were present. Town Administrator David Kale was also present.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Comcast License Agreement – Date to Vote

Mr. Kale informed the Board that there is a new Comcast license agreement; the Board will need to approve the new agreement. Mr. Kale will send the appropriate materials to the Board.

Comcast Utility Petition

- 1 - Advertised for the 5/4/15 agenda – 86 Frontage Rd.
- 2 - Outstanding Utility Petition - Belmont Center

Mr. Kale noted that the two petitions (noted above) will need to be considered. (The Board had previously deferred approving the second petition.)

PGA Tournament: Alcohol License / Update on traffic mitigation now that parking is nearly finalized

Mr. Kale said that the all-alcohol license applications (for the June PGA tournament) will need to be approved by the Board in May. He added that the Police Department is finalizing the parking situation.

Regarding parking, neighbors will be notified and the Police Department will hold a public hearing to discuss issues relating to parking and traffic.

Skating Rink Presentation – Schedule Date

Mr. Kale said a meeting will need to be held concerning the rink presentation. Mr. Kale explained some of the components of the public/private partnership.

Chair Baghdady said a working session (of the Board) will need to be held for the Board to explore issues relating to the public/private partnership. Selectman Paolillo raised the topic of forming a task force to develop this idea more fully, on behalf of the Board.

FY16 Budget Adjustments

Mr. Kale reviewed the updated budget adjustments and budget allocations based on the most recent information from the state, the fact that the override passed, and other revenue and expenditure adjustments. He then updated the school/town side allocations. Some expenditure line items (that have been recently adjusted) were reviewed: Veteran's Services, and Health Insurance. He discussed the FTF Recreation Department recommendations, the new growth numbers, and the impact on the levy limit, the creation of a capital stabilization fund (from the sale of Town assets).

The Board discussed:

- the override's impact on the school budget as well as health insurance savings
- multi-year planning to address future deficits
- the levy capacity (the excess, not taxing to the limit, etc.)

The OPEB Obligation

Selectman Williams presented the Board and Mr. Kale with information on the Pension and OPEB liability. The Board agreed that this issue will need further analysis, with the input from other key committees and members in town.

Cushing Square Concerns

Chair Baghdady asked if free parking should be offered for a month or two, given that the businesses there have suffered as a result of the record-breaking snow and the Trapelo Road construction – both of which impeded residents from shopping.

The Board moved: To approve free parking for up to two hours in Cushing Square parking lot for the months of May and June, including monthly pass holders.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

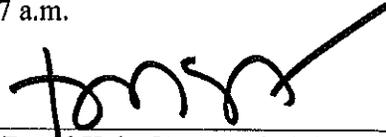
FY15 – Third Quarter Report

Mr. Kale will provide the Q3 update at Monday's meeting (4-27-15).

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, April 27, 2015 (Joint with SC)
Wednesday, April 29, 2015 (Joint with WC)

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator

APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 5-28-2015