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TOWN OF BELMONT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Belmont High School Conference Room  
Monday, May 4, 2015  
5:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A (pre-Town Meeting) meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Baghdady in the Belmont High School Conference Room. Selectmen Paolillo and Williams were present. Town Administrator David Kale and Assistant Town Administrator Marshall were also present.

Chair Baghdady began by turning to the first item on the agenda.

**ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

**Proclamation for Anne Allen and Robert Dally, Jr.:**

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

The Board signed the Proclamation.

**Treasurer request to sign \$33,615 million of general obligation bonds:**

Mr. Carman, Town Treasurer, appeared before the Board to request that the Board sign \$33,615 million of general obligation bonds. Mr. Carman informed the Board that there are two bonds which will cover several items: Belmont Center Reconstruction, the Underwood Pool, water/sewer, fire station clean up and short-term financing for the Belmont Municipal Light Substation project.

The Board asked a few clarifying questions.

*The Board moved:* To approve the \$7,215,000.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

*The Board moved:* To approve the \$26,400,00 short-term bond financing for the Belmont Municipal Light Substation project.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board then signed the general obligation bond documents.

**Discussion and Vote on Warrant Articles and Amendments:**

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**Amendment to Article 7: Amend Zoning Bylaw: Amend General Residency Zoning Districts Zoning Bylaw for Single-Family Dwellings as an Alternative to a Two Family Dwelling**

Chair Baghdady briefly explained the Planning Board amendment, which strikes the 25 percent lot coverage limit.

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on the Planning Board Amendment to Article 7. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 8: CPA Projects – Electrical Upgrade (\$522,500)**

The Board discussed the Electrical Upgrade. Selectman Williams suggested that a letter be sent to the state requesting support on affordable housing endeavors. Mr. Carman noted that it is unlikely that there will be state funding to support affordable housing needs. He added that the fire chief stated that the current electrical situation is a potential fire hazard. Mr. Carman discussed how this request meets CPA eligibility. He explained what has been done in the past concerning affordable housing.

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on the CPA project concerning the Electrical Upgrade in the amount of \$522,500. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 9: Amendment to Citizens Petition: Non-Binding Resolution -Solar Power**

Chair Baghdady explained the amendment noting that it has expanded the scope of the resolution. Selectman Williams noted that he and Dr. Ralph Jones (former Selectman) agreed that this issue requires a home rule petition, which is expressed in the amendment. Selectman Paolillo said he does not want the state to tell Belmont what to do on this issue; the state should not dictate what is best for Belmont.

Chair Baghdady said that this issue will provoke a lively discussion at TM which is a good thing. However, he added that the language of the resolution is very vague.

**Article 9: Citizens Petition: Non-Binding Resolution - Solar Power**

Selectman Paolillo made and withdrew an original motion concerning Article 9.

*The Board moved:* Unfavorable action on the Amendment to Article 9. The motion passed (2-1).

*The Board moved:* Unfavorable action on Article 9. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Dr. Jones noted that he has been working to create a compromise on the Article. He thought

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perhaps postponing the vote would make sense given that the Light Board is a new entity, and as such, has not had time to delve into all aspects of the issue. He said he intends to make a motion requesting that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

Chair Baghdady agreed and stated that this would give the Board time to “dig in” more deeply on this issue.

### **Special Town Meeting (STM) Articles**

#### **STM Article 1: Transfer from Free Cash to Fund Snow and Ice Deficit \$748K**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on STM Article 1.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

#### **STM Article 2: Transfer from SPED Stabilization Fund \$250K**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on STM Article 2.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

#### **Comcast petition for 86 Frontage Road**

Mr. Louis Cormier, Comcast Project Coordinator and Mr. Glenn Clancy, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to request a petition concerning 86 Frontage Road. Mr. Cormier explained the logistics of the petition. It was noted that most of this is on private property.

*The Board moved:* To approve the Comcast petition for 86 Frontage Road.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

#### **Comcast petition for Moore Street and Leonard Street**

Mr. Cormier and Mr. Clancy remained before the Board to request a petition for Moore and Leonard Streets. Chair Baghdady explained that this work should be coordinated with the Belmont Center Reconstruction Project.

*The Board moved:* To approve the Comcast petition for Moore and Leonard Streets.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

#### **Discussion and Vote on the \$386K and the Adjusted FY16 Budget**

Chair Baghdady informed the Board that the WC and CBC would like to opine on the FY16 budget, but the \$386K issue has not yet been resolved. He outlined three potential uses for the money: not levy and return it, use \$250K of it to replenish the depleted SPED stabilization fund, and/or apply it to capital projects. He explained that the fire alarm system needs replacing and that will cost \$1.2M – which will absorb the capital budget’s override funding.

Another option would be to create a capital project stabilization fund using this money and adding it to the sale of Woodfall Road, the sale of the parking lot, etc.

Mr. Kale explained the options for finalizing the budget.

Selectman Paolillo said he is concerned about too many amendments on the floor of TM concerning the use of this money.

The Board discussed this issue.

CBC Chair Mahoney confirmed that the override money is going to fund the fire alarm system. She expressed frustration in that needed funding for the “pay-as-you-go” projects is being absorbed by the fire alarm system upgrade. Selectman Williams noted that funding for feasibility studies is needed (Alexander Ave. for example) – especially given that the bike path study is moving forward. CBC Chair Mahoney added that Alexander Ave requires MBTA input.

The Board agreed that this funding is needed for capital projects, given the cost of installing a new fire alarm system.

*The Board moved:* To place the \$386K into the Capital Budget.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Kale discussed the adjusted budget numbers.

*The Board moved:* To approve the adjusted budget numbers 100,293,295  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Approval of a One Day Wine and Beer Liquor License for the Blazar Bat Mitzvah scheduled for June 13, 2015 from 6 to 10:00 PM at the Beech Street Center**

Mr. Kale noted that the license states that there is a 10:00 PM curfew.

*The Board moved:* To approve the one-day license, details noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**V. ACTION BY WRITING**

- **Craft Beer Initiative LLC. d/b/a Craft Beer Cellar, 51 Leonard Street: Application to officially change their Sunday operating hours from 10:00 am – 10:00 pm to 10:00 – 8:00 pm**

*The Board moved:* To approve the application request to officially change their Sunday operating hours, details noted above.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

- **Shangri-La Inc. d/b/a Jeanne Sushi Restaurant, 149 Belmont Street. Application to officially change the d/b/a on their liquor license from Jeanne Sushi Restaurant to Shangri-La.**

*The Board moved:* To approve the request to officially change the d/b/a on their liquor license from Jeanne Sushi Restaurant to Shangri-La.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- Planning Board member Mr. Joe DeStephano has officially filed a "disclosure of a potential conflict of interest" concerning Article 7 with the Town Clerk

*The Board moved:* To accept and approve Mr. DeStanfano's disclosure of a potential conflict of interest.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

- Public Works Week – May 17-20: It would be a nice gesture for the Board and Town Administrator's Office to cook hot dogs and hamburgers for the DPW employees

### **Article 9 (Revisited) Citizens Petition: Non-Binding Resolution - Solar Power**

Selectman Williams stated that he misunderstood the vote on Article 9. Therefore:

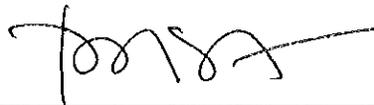
*The Board moved:* To reconsider on the main motion Article 9 that was previously taken.  
The motion passed unanimously.

*The Board moved:* Unfavorable action on Article 9.  
The motion passed 2-1.

### **VII. NEXT MEETINGS**

- Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Belmont High School
- Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.



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Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator