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**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Monday, June 1, 2015
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

A Pre-Town Meeting meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Baghdady in the CMS Small Community Room. Selectman Williams was present; Selectman Paolillo arrived a few minutes later. Town Administrator David Kale and Assistant Town Administrator Marshall were also present.

Chair Baghdady began by turning to the Action by Writing items.

ACTION BY WRITING

Approval of One-Day Liquor License Application

Approval of a One Day Liquor License application from Power's Music School to allow the Craft Beer Cellar to serve sample beers during a private school event on June 14, 2015

The Board moved: To approve the one-day license, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

Approval of License Applications from New Businesses

Approval of an application for a new Common Victualler's License from Mr. John Janessian of Ani Catering at 687 Belmont Street.

Mr. John Janessian of Ani Catering appeared before the Board concerning the license request noted above.

Chair Baghdady clarified a few points on the application. (Selectman Paolillo arrived at this point in the meeting: 5:33 p.m.)

The Board moved: To approve the license applications for the new business, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Approval of an application for a new Common Victualler's License from Nicholas Market & Deli, LLC d/b/a The Loading Dock at 11 Brighton Street.

The Board reviewed the details of the application.

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The Board moved: To approve the license applications for the new business, details noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Approval of an application for a new Common Victualler's License from Tony G's Barbecue, Inc. d/b/a Tony G's Barbecue at 289 Belmont Street.

Ms. Sasirat Wyckoff, owner of Tony G's Barbecue, appeared before the Board concerning the license request noted above. The Board reviewed some details of the restaurant with Ms. Wyckoff.

The Board moved: To approve the license applications for the new business, details noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

Mr. Thayer requested that the Board select a date for a Light Board meeting to discuss net metering. The Board will work out the details and get back to Mr. Thayer.

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

Approval of Water System Improvement Construction Contract

Mr. Kale informed the Board that this item will be dealt with in the near future and does not require BOS action at this time.

Approval of Asplundh Tree Contract (Public Works)

Mr. Jay Marcotte, DPW Director, and Mr. Mike Santoro, Assistant DPW Director, remained before the Board concerning the approval of the Asplundh Tree contract.

Mr. Kale provided the details of the contract, noting that the town has had a positive relationship with Asplundh for several years, that they are the lowest bid, and that they have done good work in Belmont over the years. Mr. Santoro explained the connection with the Light Department within the contract for tree trimming. Some of the town's larger trees are due to be taken down this year, he added.

The Board discussed Belmont's tree maintenance plan.

The Board moved: To approve the three-year contract for Asplundh Tree Experts, effective date July 1, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Approval of a Proclamation for Mr. Matt Lowrie, Board of Library Trustees

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2015 meeting (Working Session)

The Board moved: To approve the meeting minutes of 2/14/15 (Working Session).
The motion passed (2-0-1).

Discussion and Vote on Warrant Articles and Amendments

ARTICLE 16: APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

The Board expressed its support for the Capital Budget for FY16. The Board briefly discussed the bonding of the new fire alarm system for the high school. Mr. Kale said he expects the project will take place next summer (2016).

Selectman Williams raised the topic of the Alexander Ave. tunnel as it relates to the bike path feasibility study. The Board discussed the safety issues concerning the underpass/tunnel area.

Selectman Williams raised the topic of the Butler drop-off area, which is a safety issue.

The Board moved: Favorable action on Article 16 (all four parts).
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Article 13 Amendments A and B: Regarding FY16 Budget Appropriation of \$1.6M to the General Stabilization Fund

Chair Baghdady explained the Amendments submitted by Mr. Kevin Cunningham. The Board expressed its support for the original article and the plan for override funds that were communicated to the public by the BOS prior to the override vote.

The Board moved: Unfavorable action on the Article 13 Amendment A.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chair Baghdady then explained Amendment B. The Board noted that the Special Education stabilization fund may be replenished at some time in the near future.

The Board moved: Unfavorable action on the Article 13 Amendment B.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Article 12 B Pension Report Amendment

Chair Baghdady explained the WC vote. Selectman Williams asked if the Board should take a vote on this article at all. The Board agreed that it should not vote formally since this is a

discussion between TM and its Warrant Committee.

The Board moved: To abstain from the Article 12 B Amendment.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Article 12 J Amendment Regarding FY16 Budget Appropriation-General Government

Chair Baghdady explained WC member Dash's amendment. The Board agreed that this amendment to appropriate excess levy to the WC reserve instead to the General Stabilization Fund was not in keeping with what the BOS communicated to the public during the override campaign.

The Board moved: Unfavorable action on the Article 12 J Amendment.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Amendment to Article 19 Establish Capital/Debt Stabilization Fund

The Board discussed the amendment, as presented by Mr. Kevin Cunningham. (Note that Mr. Cunningham intends to remove the amendment.)

The Board moved: Unfavorable action on the Article 19 Amendment.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Williams' Petitions, Article 22 Town Budget Projection Model

Article 23 Quarterly Report of Free Cashflow Account
Article 24 Risk Management Function

Selectman Williams said these articles are aimed at transparency. The information would be useful for TM members. The Board agreed that generally these issues can be addressed by the Board. They also agreed that the intent of the articles is good and that the Board can work more closely with town departments and TM to address the goals in hand.

Selectman Williams stated that he will, based on this conversation, withdraw the articles 22, 23, 24.

Article 21: Citizen's Petition – Written Article Opinions

Selectman Williams explained that individual article opinions need to be disclosed; the rationale behind opinions should be transparent and explained.

He noted that the WC and the CBC are not in favor of this article. He said that perhaps it is not his place to impose this requirement on the WC and on the CBC. Selectman Paolillo said that, on more substantive issues, it would be helpful or have an oral presentation summarizing the thought process.

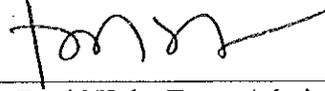
The Board agreed that this could make the decision making easier on TM floor and that the more complex decisions will be explained.

Selectman Williams may withdraw Article 21, as well.

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 5:30 at CMS

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DKale", written over a horizontal line.

Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator