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**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Monday, June 3, 2015
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

A (pre-TM) meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Baghdady in the CMS small Community Room. Selectmen Williams was present; Selectman Paolillo had not arrived yet. Town Administrator David Kale and Assistant Town Administrator Marshall were also present.

Chair Baghdady reviewed the agenda.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

[There were none.]

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

Approval of Proclamation for Arbor Day

Chair Baghdady noted that this is an annual Proclamation.

The Board moved: To approve the Proclamation for Arbor Day.
The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

Both Board members signed the Proclamation.

Approval of Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) Recommendation for a four way stop at Slade Street/Horace Road/Upland Road

Mr. Kale explained that the neighbors are in favor of the stop-sign.

Mr. James Hencke, a Drew Road resident, appeared before the Board concerning the request of a four-way stop sign. He submitted the petition with 30 signatures. He discussed that this corner is dangerous.

Chair Baghdady expressed his support for this stop sign, as did Selectman Williams.

The Board moved: To approve the stop sign request, details noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

ACTION BY WRITING (Selectman Paolillo arrived.)

**APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 8-31-15**

Approval of an application for Agricultural Wine Permit from Nicole Blum and Jonathan Carr of Carr's Cider House at 295 River Drive, Hadley, MA

Chair Baghdady explained that wine/cider is sold at the Farmer's Market.

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

Discussion on Warrant Articles and Amendments, if necessary

Article 21 Written/Oral Opinions

Selectman Williams noted which articles would be withdrawn, and that Article 21 would remain on the warrant. He explained that many residents have requested that he keep this article. He said that TM members have the right to discuss this point.

Selectman Paolino said that this represents an enormous burden on volunteer committee members. He said that this is unnecessary work, as well, and he will not support the Article 21.

Chair Baghdady noted that much of the information is already available via minutes, attending meeting, watching at cable.

The Board discussed the article.

Town Treasurer Carman said that TM members have an obligation to seek clarification on their own. Some TM members feel there is already too much information for them to read.

Chair Baghdady said that this may actually hinder attracting qualified candidates to serve on volunteer committees.

The Board moved: Unfavorable action on Article 21.
The motion passed unanimously (2-0-1).

Chair Baghdady noted that there is a trend concerning this TM that they are requesting a lot of additional work (actuarial reports, written reports) from the BOS, the WC, etc.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- Two Letters need to be signed: one with regard to the CPA issue, and one (to the American Red Cross) with regard to a fire on Moraine Street.
- The process has begun regarding expiring committee appointments as well as the creation of the OPEB Study Group and the FTF Implementation Committee.
- June 15 will be the final meeting concerning the Grove Street Master Plan.

- The Board needs to meet (in a working session) concerning the youth Hockey group.

Selectman Paolillo suggested the Board meet over the summer to discuss its goals. Chair Baghdady requested that Board members send their vacation schedules to Mr. Kale.

The Board moved: To establish two study groups: OPEB Study Group and the FTF Implementation Group.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

- Mr. Kale raised the topic of Summer Hours – closing early on Friday afternoons during the summer and having employees work with a reduced lunch break. Chair Baghdady expressed his support. Since it has worked for six years, he said, it can become a policy. The TA will report on the issue, once it is established as policy.

The Board moved: To approve Summer Hours for the calendar year 2015.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: To delegate the Summer Hour authority to the TA subject to his reports to the Board.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

- Mr. Kale raised the COLA issues with the management for FY16. It is included in the budget. This affects 55 people and will cost \$74K. Selectman Williams raised the issue of escalation.

The Board moved: To authorize a 2% COLA for non-union employees for FY16.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

National Grid Petition for Hurley and Brighton Street

Mr. Glenn Clancy, Town Engineer, and Mr. Dennis Regan, from National Grid, appeared before the Board to request approval for a permit for Hurley and Brighton Streets. Mr. Regan explained the permit. Mr. Clancy said that Hurley has not been dug up in over 10 years, but Brighton has been done more recently. The costs of this project lie with the homeowner.

The Board discussed the project.

Mr. Peter Curro, a Hurley Street resident, said that he would like assurance that the road will be properly re-built and maintained. Hurley is in fairly good condition and it needs to be restored to that condition. Mr. Clancy addressed this concern and reviewed what typically occurs.

Chair Baghdady asked about recourse, should the road collapse. If the road is not addressed, it will be dealt with, replied Mr. Clancy. The Board discussed the road repair topic further as Mr. Curro continued to raise concerns.

The Board moved: To approve the National Grid petition, details noted above.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Logan Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Report (Myron Kassaraba)

Mr. Myron Kassaraba, Belmont's representative to the CAC, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the Logan CAC report. Mr. Kassaraba informed the Board that challenges still exist concerning the flight path and increased traffic patterns. The FAA is only held accountable by Congress. However, there is an independent agency called "Noise" which helps communicate a community's interest to Congress concerning the FAA. It will cost Belmont \$770.00 (per year) to join the Noise.

Selectman Paolillo noted that airplanes have to travel over some communities. If they are forbidden from flying over Belmont, they will simply end up flying over another community.

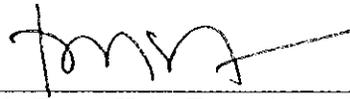
Chair Baghdady thanked Mr. Kassaraba for his work.

The Board moved: To approve allocating \$770.00 to join Noise for one year.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, June 8, 2015 8:15 a.m. (Executive Session)

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator