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**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
Selectmen's Meeting Room  
Town Hall  
Thursday, October 15, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Capital Budget Committee (CBC) was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chair Anne Marie Mahoney.

Members Present: Chair Mahoney, Patricia Brusch, Susan Burgess-Cox (SC), and Rebecca Vose

Members Absent: Mark Paolillo (BOS), Jennifer Fallon (WC), Michael Battista (PB), David Kale, Town Administrator

Chair Mahoney began by reviewing the evening's agenda.

**Sidewalk Poetry Update**

Chair Mahoney updated the CBC on her pursuit for bringing sidewalk poetry to the sidewalks of Belmont. She reviewed the fees associated with the project. The project is not grant-eligible; obtaining funding will be challenging. She and Jay Marcotte, Director of the DPW, went to Cambridge to see what it looks like. There are already cracks and debris surrounding the stenciled letters and therefore this will not be a project going forward.

**Enrollment/Modular Units**

Ms. Burgess-Cox provided a brief update on the enrollment projections for 2016-17. The projected enrollment may necessitate the using modular units to handle the lack of classroom space. Every grade across the district is facing larger numbers of students.

Chair Mahoney noted that how much modular space is needed and what it will cost (to set up, to furnish, and to provision with utilities) will be CBC concerns. The CBC discussed enrollment in general and concerns related to this issue.

**Impacts of New Belmont High School**

Chair Mahoney raised the issue of what impact a potential new High School or High School addition might have on existing space. For example, a new school could impact the new rink proposal. Also, the CPA has received two applications that will impact this space: the refurbishment of the path around Clay Pit Pond and a proposal to re-do Hittinger Field with AstroTurf. Stakeholders from the Rink, the Pond, the Hittinger Field proposal, etc. will all need

to discuss the impact of these plans on the high school space needs. All of these “voices” should come together at a meeting to explore the space issues. Ms. Burgess-Cox added that the bike path people will need to be present as well. The CBC agreed.

### **Outstanding Capital Projects: How to Address, Sequence, and Fund?**

Chair Mahoney suggested that the CBC somehow try to pull together the cost analysis and sequencing for the remaining projects:

- Police Station – will be impacted by the MBTA
- DPW -
- Library – should be OK, as current ideas call for it remaining on its current premises
- BHS – many things impact this (see previous section)

All of these issues need to be explored, with the relevant parties, perhaps in a working session.

### **Library Update**

Mrs. Brusch provided a brief update concerning how the Library trustees are planning for the next five years, i.e., plans for a new/renovated building. There will be a public meeting in November to discuss the future of the Library.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of October 1, 2015 were unanimously approved.

### **Setting of Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

The CBC moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vose  
Secretary