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TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BHS Conference Room
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
6:30 PM**

**APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 6-21-2016**

CALL TO ORDER

A [Pre-Town Meeting] meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 6:38 p.m. by Chair Mark Paolillo in the Belmont High School (BHS) Conference Room. Selectmen Sami Baghdady and Jim Williams were present. Town Administrator David Kale and Assistant Town Administrator Phyllis Marshall were also present.

Chair Paolillo turned to the first item on the agenda.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arbor Day is Friday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

There were none.

ACTION BY CONSENT

**Discussion and Vote on Possible Special Town Meeting (STM) - June 2016
Conveyance of Former Incinerator Site, Concord Avenue**

Mr. Hall, Town Counsel, appeared before the Board to discuss the Conveyance of the Former Incinerator Site, located on Concord Avenue.

Chair Paolillo noted that there are two parcels of land on the former incinerator site. Mr. Hall explained how this land was granted to Belmont (noting that there are stipulated uses). He said there have been ongoing discussions about the legal conveyance of the land to the town.

Mr. Kale provided some additional information, specifically, the documents that were filed with the legislature two years ago. The subsequent legislation gave credit for the cost of the remediation of the cap. Three things need to happen going forward:

1. Town Meeting needs to accept the conveyance within 90 days
2. Belmont needs to document its expenditures
3. Belmont needs to close by December 31, 2016

He noted that the property must be used for Public Works, for Municipal Uses, or for Recreation.

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The Board will need to decide the post-closure use. But first, it will need to vote the Special Town Meeting (STM) in June. The Town Moderator has suggested this STM be scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 at 8:30 p.m.

The Board discussed the process by which the post-closure use(s) will be explored. Mr. Hall again noted the three specific uses allowed for this land – recreation, municipal, public works. Selectman Williams stated that the ultimate use will not be ready to be identified at the STM on June 8.

Ms. Sue Bass, from the audience, suggested that the Board state (at the June 8 STM) the *process* it will engage in to explore post-closure uses.

Selectman Baghdady added that Belmont is still responsible for the *cost* of remediation. He said he expects the state will put a “Reverter Clause” and a deed restriction on the land. Mr. Hall agreed. Selectman Baghdady then suggested a word change (“*not to exceed ...*”) to the article – so that it is not open-ended.

The Board discussed the word change proposal which will be drafted by Mr. Hall.

The Board moved: To approve Article 1 for the STM June 8 at 8:30 p.m., as amended. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator’s Report

Mr. Kale reported on the following item:

- **Minuteman:** The Board discussed several issues relating to the upcoming Minuteman vote, notably how Arlington intends to vote.

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Selectmen’s Meeting Room

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator