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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
CMS SMALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Monday, June 13, 2016
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APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 7/25/16

CALL TO ORDER

A (pre-Town Meeting) meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 6:07 p.m. by Chair Mark Paolillo in the Small Community Room at the CMS. Selectman Jim Williams was present; Selectman Sami Baghdady was not. Town Administrator David Kale and Assistant Town Administrator Phyllis Marshall were present.

Mr. George Hall, Town Counsel, and Mr. Peter Struzziero, Library Director, were also present.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- **Discussion on Special Municipal Employee Status:** Mr. Kale explained that the Board over the years has granted "special municipal employee status" to various committees over the years. The Library Feasibility Study Committee and, potentially, the Belmont High School Building Committee (BHSBC) are new committees requesting to receive the special municipal employee status. He explained the significance of this status as well as the potential conflict of interest.

The Board discussed with Mr. Hall the ramifications of granting this status. The Board established that there is precedent for this. Mr. Hall confirmed that this is a prevailing practice.

The Board moved: That the members of the Library Feasibility Study Committee be designated the status as special municipal employees.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved: That the members of the Belmont High School Building Committee be designated the status as special municipal employees.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION BY CONSENT

Appointment of Minuteman School Committee member

Mr. Michael Widmer, Town Moderator, appeared before the Board to discuss the appointment of the Minuteman School Committee member. The Board briefly discussed the appointment with Mr. Widmer.

The Board moved: To re-appoint Mr. Jack Weis as Belmont's Minuteman School Committee Representative for three years, effective July 1, 2016.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (continued)

- **License/Loan Request:** The Loading Dock will request a business loan using their alcohol license as collateral. Mr. Hall explained the practice of using the liquor license as collateral for a business loan. Mr. Kale noted that this may allow an established business to be able to continue to be in business. The Board discussed this request, notably what happens if the loan is defaulted on. Also explored was how this impacts the license *renewal* process.
- **Liability Insurance:** Liability Insurance proposals are currently being reviewed. The most favorable price proposal was submitted by Mass Interlocal Insurance Assoc. (MIIA); will save the town money and will also provide the town with better coverage.
- **Outdoor Seating Regulations for Common Victuallers:** The existing policy is being reviewed. Currently, only food can be served outdoors, but there may be requests forthcoming to serve alcohol outdoors. The Board briefly discussed this potential request. Mr. Kale will work to redraft the regulations.

Committee Liaison Reports

Minuteman

Chair Paolillo noted that meetings have been ongoing with the member towns concerning Belmont's decision to not approve the new building project. He said that conflicting opinions still remain on how to move forward within the district. Arlington will vote on the debt exclusion tomorrow. There is an upcoming meeting with the Minuteman superintendent, DESE, and the MSBA for Belmont to explain its no vote.

Mr. Weis added that it might be good to have DESE and MSBA present at this meeting. He said it could be beneficial to share Belmont's concerns with these two bodies. Belmont could explain the issue of risk, given the proposed size of the new building. Mr. Kale stated that, while Belmont might leave the district, Minuteman is not going to make that process easy. Mr. Weis agreed that having the Superintendent there is not going to be productive. He added that it might be useful for Chair Paolillo to articulate clearly Belmont's position; other towns might find the information meaningful.

The Board continued to discuss this issue.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

This item was deferred in light of Selectman Baghdady's absence.

NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 21, 2016	8:00 a.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Town Hall
Monday, June 27, 2016	7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Town Hall
Monday, July 11, 2016	5:30 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Town Hall

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator