

**Belmont Warrant Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**FINAL**  
**April 28, 2010, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Belmont High School Auditorium**

*Note: This was a joint meeting between the Capital Budget and Warrant Committees.*

Present: Chair Curtis; Members Allison, Becker, Brusch, Callanan, Dash, Epstein, Hofmann, Libenson, Lynch, Manjikian, Millane, Smith; BOS Chair Jones; School Committee Chair Rittenburg

Assistant Town Administrator Conti, Town Accountant Hagg, BOS Paolillo

Members Absent: McLaughlin

The WC meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Curtis.

Capital Budget Committee: Members Clark, Mahoney and Fallon

***Capital Budget Committee (CBC) – Minuteman Discussion***

CBC Chair Brusch began by saying that the CBC has met with Minuteman and is requesting an enrollment study. The CBC would be more willing to participate in an enrollment study and feels that it is premature to talk about a new building without understanding enrollment and how a building built for 1,200 students currently has only 400 students.

Dr. Bouquillon said that Arlington shares similar concerns to Belmont and that an enrollment study must be completed. He said that no architectural firm will be hired until the enrollment study was completed. SC Member Vose asked what the enrollment study would cost. Dr. Bouquillon replied that it would cost around \$90K to \$120K, which is built in to the \$725K.

Chair Brusch suggested that, before committing to the feasibility study, the CBC needs to know where Minuteman wants to be, e.g., a school that serves 400 or how many students? She went on to explain the approval process, which states that if a town has not yet approved the Minuteman feasibility motion within the 60 days of their vote, then it is deemed approved. She stated that Belmont had a difficult experience with a legal counsel document (relating to the Wellington) and that, as such, Belmont is leery of legal documents. She said that both the WC and the CBC do not support going forward with the feasibility study without knowing the appropriate enrollment numbers. She added that Belmont schools have their own issues and the town needs to be judicious with its money.

