

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
6:00 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

This was a regular pre-Town Meeting Meeting of the Board of Selectmen in the Community Room of Belmont High School. Vice-chair Rojas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

In-attendance: Selectman Rojas, Selectman Paolillo, Selectman Jones, were all in attendance for the meeting. They were joined and assisted by Assistant Town Administrator Kellie Hebert, Public Information Specialist Robert Reardon, Community Development Director Glenn Clancy, Department of Public Works Water Division Manager Michael Bishop, and Department of Public Works Director Peter Castanino.

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS [There were none.]

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

Belmont Center Utility Project – 6:00

The Selectmen and Department of Public Works have received complaints from residents in the area of the Belmont Center Water Utility Project who claim noise has been a consistently loud. Peter Castanino and Michael Bishop from the Department of Public Works briefly discussed the project. The bulk of the noise came from when the contractor saw cut from Pleasant St. to Moore St. on the first night of construction. On the second night the contractor put about 50 feet of pipe into place, the noise from this was far less but the equipment at times may have been noisy. Work has been done at night as this eliminates commuter issues and economic concerns from the business community in the neighborhood affected. Moving work to the day would need to a new traffic diversion plan and several days notice to warn drivers. This change would also cost \$5,000 per day to change the work over to day time with an estimated 3 days to change over, plus likely require additional police details. Mr. Castanino noted that the contractor is almost done work with the first phase in front of the residences.

Selectman Jones proposed a compromise of doing the second phase in front of the residences during the day, Selectman Rojas indicated this was a good idea. Phase II is the actual installation of service connections to the residences. This work is towards the end of the project and a switch to day time is possible for this work. The gas company will also be doing work in this corridor and they will be asked to mirror the DPW Water plan. They will need to do as the DPW mandates to get approval to dig up parts of the street.

Town Engineer Glenn Clancy spoke about the redevelopment of roads in Belmont Center as this is in the long term plan for after the utility work is completed. Mr. Clancy said there is grant

money "MassWorks" which the Town will apply for but unsure if we will qualify as Belmont Center is not a "Housing Oriented Development". Mr. Clancy continues to search for funding alternatives for this project.

No formal vote was taken but the Board Selectmen and DPW will work to find a solution with the contractor before the residential service connections are installed. Until that time work will continue as planned. In response to the same resident's complaint, the Belmont Police detail officers will be asked to keep their cruiser lightbar usage to a minimum.

Water and Sewer Improvements – 6:15

Glenn Clancy, Town Engineer and Director of Community Development came to have a contract approved and signed to do water and sewer work that is required by Mass Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency. Belmont has been authorized to borrow \$2.3 Million for this project that can be used for supporting engineering, construction, and related police details. Institutorm Technologies of Missouri is the lowest of 3 bids for this project and a firm that has done work for the Town in the past. Mr. Clancy informed the Board that the bids were slightly over what the Town was authorized to borrow and he suggested that the Town tap into the Sewer Enterprise Fund for \$167,000. The plan is for the bulk of the work to be completed this year with some additional work being completed next spring. Chair Paolillo made a motion to approve the contract. This was moved by Vice-Chair Rojas, Seconded by Selectman Jones. Contract is passed unanimously and was signed by the Selectmen.

Vote on Warrant Articles:

There were two remaining items which the Board had not voted on. Those being two amendments from Mark Paolillo to Article 28. These amendments were both approved unanimously.

ACTION BY CONSENT

Renewal of Licenses – Junk, Old Metals, and Second Hand Articles

- Waverly Collectables – 503 Trapelo Rd (George G. Smith)
- Dick's Place – 360A Trapelo Rd. (Richard Chandler)

The Board moved: To approve the license renewal requests as noted above.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION BY WRITING

Town Clerk Ms. Ellen O'Brien Cushman appeared before the Board to request formal approval and signatures for the Warrant to hold the Annual Town Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

The Board moved: To approve the Town Warrant for the Annual Town Election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 2013.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Selectman Rojas spoke about the Butler Playground and on-going improvements there:

- Arbor Day took place today and DPW along with school children planted 6 trees.
- Resident Liz Allison has agreed to donate money to pay for planned additional plantings and shrubbery, cost totals roughly \$6,500.
- Local firm DESCO Associates will provide the labor and cover the installation expenses of the plants to be purchased with Ms. Allison's donation.

Public Information Specialist Reardon shared an update with the Board about an inquiry the office received regarding traffic concerns on Trapelo Rd. The resident had previously been in contact with Selectman Rojas and more recently wanted to speak with Selectmen Jones.

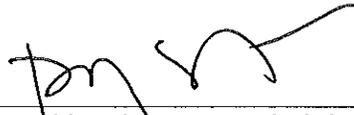
NEXT MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:41 am.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator