

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL  
Monday, May 14, 2012  
5:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 5:40 pm by Chair Paolillo in the BHS Principal's Conference Room. Selectmen Jones and Rojas were present. Interim Town Administrator Kellie Hebert was present.

**QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

[There were none.]

**ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

**Discussion and Vote on Articles and any Amendments for STM and ATM**

**Article 4: Minuteman**

Chair Paolillo noted that the Board had been waiting to hear from the WC regarding Article 4. Selectman Jones noted that since the money had been expended in 2011, there is no way to avoid paying this bill. The WC, he offered, arrived at this conclusion as well.

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 4.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 10: Palfrey Square Overlay**

Chair Paolillo noted that the Planning Board voted 2-1 not to support this article. Selectman Rojas said that the extension to extend the Overlay to Dec. 31 was not supported because the PB feels that there are flaws in the article and there is no reason to extend this, until the article is corrected.

*The Board moved:* Unfavorable action on Article 10, in support of the Planning Board.

PB Chair Baghdady (from the audience) said there is far too much residential housing allotted for this current overlay plan. He said it will be way too dense as written. PB Chair Baghdady indicated that the overlay will be revisited. The PB would like to see true mixed use, with the emphasis not focused on residential.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chair Paolillo then reviewed the articles and who was going to read them at TM.

## **Article 11: Trapelo Road and Belmont Street Improvements**

Chair Paolillo added the sum of \$100K to this article.

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 11.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

## **Article 9: Water/Sewer/Stormwater**

Chair Paolillo read the updated numbers pertaining to the water rates in this article.

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on the updated Article 9.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Chair Paolillo then read the updated sewer rates section.

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on the updated Article 9.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

## **Article 14: Landfill**

Selectman Jones said that it is clear that the town is responsible to cover this and that the town intends to do.

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 14.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

## **Article 5: Salaries of Elected Officials**

Chair Paolillo read the WC adjustment to this article. He said that having heard from Mr. Widmer – who disagreed with the consultants’ recommendations on the grade of this position – he would like to reach a compromise since the classification study is upcoming. He said since \$25K in salary increase has been appropriated, the Board will revisit this salary as well as its classification. He said under the WC’s amendment, the Town Clerk would receive a six percent raise at this TM. Selectman Jones said the classification is unlikely to change and that the responsibilities have increased. WC Chair Allison (from the audience) explained Mr. Widmer’s explanation.

Chair Paolillo said he would like to revisit this in a year’s time and agree to the WC’s recommendation tonight. The Board will submit a salary level (next year) consistent with the new findings. Selectman Jones said that the WC has a very different approach to setting the Town Clerk’s salary. WC Chair Allison said that responsibilities of comparable Town Clerks, from comparable towns, have examined. She said there are good external comparisons and that the market is the best guide of what should be paid. She said the comparisons are apples to apples, and that the salary decision should be market driven. Selectman Jones said that if this analysis was done across the Board, all salaries would be reduced.

The Board discussed this issue as well as the bonus pool funding that has been put aside.

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on the (WC's) amended motion to Article 5.  
The motion passed (2-1).

### **One Day Liquor License, Wine and Malt, Butters & Bars**

May 20, 2012  
Belmont Hill School  
55 Day School Lane, Belmont

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

### **ACTION BY CONSENT**

#### **License Renewals**

Waverley Collectibles, 503 Trapelo Road  
All That Matters, 400 Trapelo Road

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

### **OTHER**

The Board discussed when it would meet next: Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. Chair Paolillo said the Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. as a Light Board. He reviewed the agenda for this meeting. The Board then discussed the Upland development.

The Board will meet on May 29 at 8:00 a.m. to interview the Town Administrator applicants. On June 4<sup>th</sup> the Board will discuss the TA search at its meeting, when it meets at 7:30 (following a Light Board meeting).

Ms. Hebert informed the Board that the Fire Chief requested that the Board send a letter regarding the billing of 911 services. She said she drafted a letter. The Board agreed that a letter to the state needs to be written.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the order of events at TM.

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

  
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Ms. Hebert, Interim Town Administrator