

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, May 20, 2014  
8:00 AM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 8:08 a.m. by Chair Rojas in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Baghdady and Selectman Paolillo were present. Town Administrator David Kale and Assistant Town Administrator Marshall were also present.

Chair Rojas reviewed the agenda.

**QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

[There were none.]

**Warrant Articles: Review and Vote**

Mr. Kale reviewed the articles scheduled for the Town Meetings in June as follows:

Article 18: Salaries of Elected Officials  
Article 19: Enterprise Funds for Water, Sewer, Stormwater Services  
Article 20: FY15 Budget Appropriation  
Article 21: Authorization to Transfer Balances to Fund the FY15 Budget  
Article 22: Authorization for Up-Front Funds for Chapter 90 Highway Improvements  
Article 23: Appropriation of Capital Expenditures  
Article 24: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Stabilization Fund Appropriation  
Article 25: Authorization for Revolving Funds  
Article 26: Appropriation for Insurance Proceeds  
Article 27: Belmont High School HVAC Borrowing De-Authorization  
Article 3: Amendment to Minuteman Regional Vocational High School Regional Agreement  
Article 14: Address Citizens' Petition from 2013 Special Town Meeting

**Article 18: Salaries of Elected Officials**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 18.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 19: Enterprise Funds for Water, Sewer, Stormwater Services**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 19.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 20: FY15 Budget Appropriation**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 20.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 21: Authorization to Transfer Balances to Fund the FY15 Budget**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 21.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 22: Authorization for Up-Front Funds for Chapter 90 Highway Improvements**

Mr. Kale discussed the possibility that the Legislature and Governor approve a budget to increase the appropriation of local distribution of Chapter 90 Funds by \$270,000. In the event the funds are provided in time for the Town Meeting, the article can be amended.

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 22.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 23: Appropriation of Capital Expenditures**

The Board of Selectmen discussed the \$30,000 item proposed study which included \$15,000 to document existing conditions at Grove Street Park before analysis of the park feasibility study which is estimated to cost an additional \$15,000. The plan for proceeding would be to solicit bids for feasibility and a master plan. It was agreed that the Board of Selectmen would consider action prior to the ATM scheduled for June 2, 2014.

**Article 24: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Stabilization Fund Appropriation**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 24.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 25: Authorization for Revolving Funds**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 25.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 26: Appropriation for Insurance Proceeds**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 26.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 27: Belmont High School HVAC Borrowing De-Authorization**

*The Board moved:* Favorable action on Article 27.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Article 14: Address Citizens' Petition from 2013 Special Town Meeting**

The Board of Selectmen discussed the Article and is in support of the motion, but the Planning

Board is considering submitting Amendments to clarify the Article which are not finalized at this time. The Board will revisit the Article before the ATM on June 2, 2014.

### **Article 3: Amendment to Minuteman Regional Vocational High School Regional Agreement**

The Board of Selectmen discussed questions that remain unanswered such as the actual facility fee for member and non-member communities with students participating in the Minuteman Regional Vocational High School, the sizing of the school proposed for new construction or remodeling, allocation of all costs based on "wealth" formula of various member communities, and OPEB & Pension obligation for member communities but not non-member communities. There is a need for more information to make a decision on the Amendment to the Agreement. The Board of Selectmen may recommend that the ATM move to Pass Over on the Amendment to Minuteman Regional Vocational High School Regional Agreement contingent on Town Council opinion that the agreement can only proceed to be in place with favorable/affirmative vote of all member Towns.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Kale explained that as a result of the work performed on behalf of National Grid on May 12 that caused delay of Annual Town Meeting Proceedings a Notice would be sent by the Department of Public Works regarding violations of regulations for work performed in streets and sidewalks in Belmont. The Board of Selectmen recommended that modification to strengthen language in the letter or notice to be issued with permit approval. It is also recommended that an increased fine for violation of permit conditions be considered.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Board moved:* To enter into executive session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the Chair so declares.

A roll call vote was taken: Chair Rojas said aye, Selectman Baghdady and Paolillo also said aye and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

### **Return to Open Session**

*The Board moved:* To exit Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. and return to Open Session.

A roll call vote was taken: Chair Rojas said aye, Selectman Baghdady and Paolillo also said aye and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. (Chenery Middle School)

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. (Chenery Middle School)

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator