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**MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
HIGH SCHOOL  
221 CONCORD AVENUE  
BELMONT  
5:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
DATE: 06/11/18

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 5:10PM by Chair Adam Dash on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 and introduced Vice Chair Mark Paolillo and Selectmen Tom Caputo.

**II. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**III. COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

**IV. ACTION BY CONSENT**

**5:10 P.M. Approved Proclamation for Library 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Approved Proclamation or the Foundation for Belmont Education

Approved Proclamation for Dan MacAuley's Retirement

**5:15 P.M. Selectmen Summer Meeting Schedule and Office Hours**

Selectman Paolillo stated that he along with Selectman Caputo would forward dates and times selected to hold office hours to the Town Administrators office.

Chairman Dash outlined the following Selectmen Meeting dates through the end of 2018 as follows:

June 11, 2018; June 18, 2018; July 16, 2018; July 30, 2018; August 27, 2018; August 20, 2018; September 17, 2018; September 24, 2018; October 1, 2018; October 15, 2018; November 5, 2018; November 19, 2018; December 10, 2018; and December 17, 2018.

**5:20 P.M. Houses of Worship Trash/Recyclable Collection**

Ms. Garvin reviewed the proposal that has been agreed to by Belmont's Houses of Worship in regards to Trash Collection now that the automated system is coming online this summer. Ms. Garvin explained that there is a significant amount of trash generated by the houses of worship. Jay Marcotte, DPW Director added that the collection for the houses of worship needed to be adjusted to the new collection and that the houses of worship would receive one free set of barrels and then be charged \$250 per set after that.

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Reverend Joe Zarro Pastor of Plymouth Church and President of the Belmont Religious Council and Eric Wefald of Payson Park Church stated that they are happy with the solution and believed it was good timing due to a recent visit from the Board of health regarding their dumpster. Mr. Marcotte explained how the \$250 fee was calculated and that nonprofits in Town would be grandfathered in to one free set of barrels and then paying above that.

Selectman Paolillo moved to accept the presented collection of Trash plan for the Houses of Worship and nonprofits in Town that are currently receiving Trash service, which is one free set of barrels followed by \$250 per set, above. Selectman Caputo seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **5:25 P.M. Dan Scharfman memorial 5K and 2k Races**

Paul Roberts and Scott DeDeo were present to request the race be held on Sunday September 20, 2018. The race was very successful last year and Cityside Subaru has been a sponsor. The route will also be the same as last year, where runners gather at 8am. The police department has been notified and the organizers will be working with the authorities to schedule the event.

Selectman Paolillo made a motion approve the race for September 30, 2018. Mr. Caputo seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **Accept Resignation of Norah Piehl form the Cultural Council**

Selectman Paolillo made a motion to approve the resignation of Norah Piehl from the Cultural Council. Mr. Caputo seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Paolillo thanked Ms. Piehl for her service.

#### **Vote to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License Application from Laura Lowery**

Selectman Paolillo made a motion approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for Laura Lowery for a birthday party, to be held at the Beech Street Center on June 23, 2018 from 5pm to 9pm. Mr. Caputo seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **Board of Selectmen Community Liaison Reports**

Selectman Paolillo stated that there is a meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Community Path and the concerns regarding the number of times the path crosses the MBTA line. Members from MassDOT will be at the meeting. At the meeting will be Senator Brownsberger who has suggested looking at the path from a public safety point of view. Selectman Paolillo stated that once the meeting occurs he will report back to the Board. This is a project that needs to move forward and Selectman Paolillo stated that the path could change to ensure mitigation impact to residents.

Selectman Dash reported that he recently attended the Warrant Committee Meeting and a Reserve Fund transfer was discussed for the Facilities department. Ms. Garvin explained the need for the transfer due to energy charges.

## **Minutes**

Selectman Paolillo made a motion approve the minutes of January 22, 2018. Mr. Dash seconded. Motion carried 2-0-1, with Mr. Caputo abstaining

Selectman Paolillo made a motion approve the minutes of April 30, 2018. Mr. Caputo seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

## **Discussion and Vote on Annual Town Meeting Segment B Warrant Articles, or any amendments thereto**

### **ATM Warrant Article 24-Surving Spouses Retirement**

Selectman Dash asked how this article affects the unfunded pension liability. Selectman Paolillo asked what the number of eligible people were that could collect the benefit. Mr. Floyd Carman, Town Treasurer stated that there are fourteen living spouses eligible and he stated that factoring the odds the real number could be seven. Mr. Carman stated that on the school side there is an automatic increase in COLA and that this was an issue of fairness. Geoff Lubien, member of the Warrant Committee, stated that this gives retirees the same benefits as current retirees who were impacted by the retirement laws changing in 1998. The liability would be \$187,000. Selectman Paolillo stated that he was in favor of Article 24. Selectman Caputo stated he was also in favor of Article 24, and the core pension was similar to teachers therefore an issue of equity arises. Selectman Caputo was concerned and wanted better numbers on the liability.

Selectman. Paolillo made a motion to recommend favorable action of Article 24. Mr. Caputo seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ATM Warrant Article 25-Increase COLA from \$12k to \$13 for Retirees**

Selectman Dash stated that he appreciated the lowering of the COLA amount from \$14k in 2017 to \$13k for 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Carmen made the same argument that it was an issue of fairness with the teachers, who currently receive \$13k in COLA. Selectman Dash stated that the average COLA in Middlesex County was \$14k. Selectman Paolillo stated that he supported this article last year for the same reasons he supports it this year. There is a total liability of \$873k that cannot be overlooked. Mr. Carmen stated that \$873k was the number from the actuary but it is a \$30.00 impact per retiree. Geoff Lubien, member of the Warrant Committee, stated that it was a 1.2% increase of the unfunded total for all the employees.

Selectman. Paolillo made a motion to recommend favorable action of Article 25. Mr. Caputo seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ATM Warrant Article 23 DPW/Police

Selectman Paolillo felt the fund stream under the levy was tight. Mr. Carman guaranteed the flow and the funds identified would fund the project.

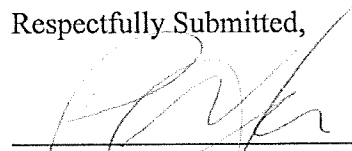
**Board of Selectmen Community Liaison Reports *Continued*.....**

Selectman Caputo gave a brief Skating Rink update and that he was working on setting up meetings to move the project forward.

**Next Meeting: June, 4, 2018 5:00PM BHS (Belmont High School) Conference Room**

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Patrice Garvin', is written over a horizontal line.

Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator