Minutes

Town of Belmont

Board of Selectmen

Belmont High School, Room 101

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen in advance of Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by Chair Adam Dash. Vice Chair Mark Paolillo and Selectmen Tom Caputo were present. Town Administrator Patrice Garvin was present.

COMMUNITY ANNOUCNEMENTS:

[Foregone due to time constraints]

COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS:

[There were none]

ACTION BY CONSENT:

Special Town Meeting Warrant -- Discussion and Positions Taken

Article 3, Brian Saper's amendment: The amendment was intended to preserve sightlines for drivers entering/exiting crosswalks within the South Pleasant St. overlay district. The Planning Board had voted unanimously to adopt the amendment.

> *Motion: To recommend favorable action on the amendment to Article 3 proposed by Brian Saper. (Vote passed 3-0)*

Article 4, Planning Board amendment: This was intended to clarify the relationship between Articles 3 and 4, i.e. the South Pleasant St. overlay and the Adult Use Recreational Marijuana zoning articles. Adult use marijuana retail outlets would have to comply with the South Pleasant St. overlay.

> *Motion: To recommend favorable action on Amendment 1 to Article 4. (Vote passed 3-0)*

Article 8, marijuana citizens' petition: Julie Crockett appeared to discuss Article 8. She explained that the signatures for the petition were collected before it was known where marijuana would be zoned. The group was happy with the Planning Board's recommendation for zoning on South Pleasant St., and therefore Julie intended to dismiss Article 8 contingent on the passing of Article 4.

Charles Clark (Chair, Planning Board) explained that the Planning Board had voted unfavorable action on Article 8, because an extended moratorium implied the Planning Board needed more time to determine appropriate zoning, which it did not. Jeffery Wheeler (Senior Town Planner) added that the Planning Board wished to send a strong message to Town Meeting to support Article 4.

After discussion it was agreed that the Board could caucus on the floor of Town Meeting to take a vote on Article 8 if necessary, dependant on the outcome of Article 4.

Food Pantry MOU Discussion and Vote

P. Garvin reviewed some changes to the MOU and indicated that it was now finalized.

Motion: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Belmont and the Belmont Food Pantry. (Vote passed 3-0)

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

P. Garvin reviewed the Town Administrator's Report:

- A copy of the Town-wide Traffic Study Presentation, given Thursday of last week, was distributed; the final report is expected in January. P. Garvin asked the Board if it wanted to hear the same presentation given last Thursday to TAC, or wait for the final report to be delivered. A. Dash recommended waiting for recommendations from TAC. M. Paolillo requested the slides be posted online. It was agreed that the Board would wait until the final report was delivered.
- MOU for Town Hall / Homer Building hour change. Jessica Porter explained that the MOU was essentially duplicate to the one used in establishing the temporary hours, however a provision was added for Town Clerk employees who currently worked overtime due to elections during the proposed extended hours. P. Garvin requested a vote to authorize her to sign the MOU.
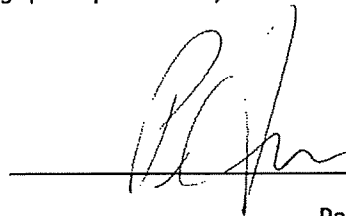 *Motion: To authorize Town Administrator Patrice Garvin to sign the MOU for the Town Hall / Homer Building hour change. (Vote passed 3-0).*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

[There were none]

The Board discussed an item that was added late to the agenda for the next day's meeting, regarding a request from the Belmont Media Center to sign a letter to the FCC. The Board was only recently informed of this request and the deadline for submitting the letter was the upcoming Thursday. Therefore, the Chair determined that the item qualified as an exception to the Open Meeting law. He advised the Selectmen to review the materials in advance of the meeting tomorrow.

Motion: To move to Town Meeting. (Vote passed 3-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator