

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
Monday, January 5, 2015
7:00 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Rojas in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Baghdady and 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.]

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

Presentation of Smart 911 Program

Police Chief McLaughlin appeared before the Board to present information on the Smart 911 program. Mr. Kale provided a brief overview of the program, noting that it allows residents to provide more information for first responders to enhance delivery of emergency services and security. Chief McLaughlin added that the program allows residents to create a profile for their household, which provides their specific information to officials. This will enhance the present system with critical information –thus allowing the dispatcher to be more informed about the conditions or situation for a given location and any individual needs in an emergency.

He further explained how the household profiles are created, noting that they are both secure and password protected. Participants are contacted every six months to verify current information.

The Police Department will work with other Town Departments to sign residents up to participate in the program and publicize the features and benefits with informational sessions when the vendor will assist. Sign-up will occur online and accommodations will be made for those without access to a computer.

Smart 911 is a national program, administered through a private vendor contracted with the Town of Belmont. Selectman Baghdady asked about the costs and terms of payment. The Town pays \$9,000 a year for a license fee which is \$4,500 for each dispatcher station and the current contract is one year with renewals for two terms.

The Board expressed its support for the Smart 911 program and asked for an update in 18 months to review utilization.

Selectman Paolillo suggested that the Police Department conduct some outreach sessions at the elementary schools to teach the importance of dialing 911 in Emergency situations.

ACTION BY CONSENT

Approval of a One Day Liquor License from the Belmont Recreation Department to serve Wine and Beer at the Beech Street Center during a Paint Night Social Event on 1/30/2015

Mr. Kale explained the Paint Night event is an opportunity for the Recreation Department to expand its programming.

The Board moved: To approve the one day liquor license application requested for the Recreation Department event on January 30, 2015.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Approval of a One Day Liquor License from The First Church in Belmont – Unitarian Universalist to serve Wine and Beer during a Fund Raising Auction Event on 2/7/2015

The Board moved: To approve the one day liquor license application requested for the Fund Raising Auction on February 7, 2015.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Approval of a One Day Liquor License from Karen Gould – Request to serve Wine and Beer at the Beth El Temple Center during a Bar Mitzvah Event on 1/17/2015

The Board moved: To approve the one day liquor license application requested for the Bar Mitzvah event on January 17, 2015.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- The town is in the process of awarding the contract for the Grove Street Playground Master Plan to Activitas, Inc. A survey of the Park could begin later this month.
- Two new employees began work today. The Veteran's Officer (Mr. Robert Upton) and the new DPW Director (Mr. Jay Marcotte) will be invited to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
- The FY16 budget process is underway.
- The FY14 annual audit is underway. The Permanent Audit Committee will provide audit findings soon.

Committee Liaison Reports

Selectman Paolillo informed the Board members that the Financial Task Force will present its

report when the Board meets again on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. The following Monday, February 2, 2015, the Board of Selectmen can consider recommendations based on the report. Precinct Meetings may be scheduled as well. He noted that the WC has reviewed the preliminary findings.

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, January 26, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

Executive Session

The Board moved: To enter into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss strategy sessions with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The Board will not 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).

The Board moved: To exit Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

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

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator