

DATE: September 30, 2021  
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**TOWN OF BELMONT  
MEETING OF THE  
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING BY AUDIO AND VISUAL REMOTE ACCESS AND BY  
Thursday, May 27, 2021  
8:00 AM**

**Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Capital Budget Committee (CBC) was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Chair Anne Marie Mahoney.

Members Present by Audio and Video Remote Access: Chair Mahoney, M. Patricia Brusch, Amy Checkoway (SC), Roy Epstein (SB), Jenny Fallon (WC), Rebecca Vose and Susan Burgess Cox, Liaison to the Planning Board

Also Present: Jon Marshall, Assistant Town Administrator

The purpose of this meeting was to vote Minutes and Warrant articles on the FY22 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Brusch moved: That the minutes of April 29, 2021, be approved, as amended.

Ms. Fallon seconded.

Chair Mahoney called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Vote on Article 12 Community Preservation Act**

Chair Mahoney asked for separate motions under each section of Article 12.

*Ms. Fallon moved:* Favorable action on Warrant Article 12 for all CPA projects including Administrative Expenses and all other necessary proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for FY22.

Mrs. Brusch seconded.

The Chair called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

The motion carried unanimously.

The remaining motions under Article 12 were taken up.

*Ms. Fallon moved:* Favorable action on **Motion A** for Payson Park Renovation.

Mrs. Brusch seconded.

The Chair called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

The motion carried unanimously.

*Ms. Fallon moved:* Favorable action on **Motion B** for the Community Path Right of Way Acquisition.

Mrs. Brusch seconded.

Committee members had questions about what the \$200K will pay for. Concern about the vague wording of this motion troubled some. Mr. Marshall explained that private property can be taken by the Town through eminent domain only by vote of the Select Board or Town Meeting. This appropriation will allow the completion of at least 25% of the design of the Community Path, which is the threshold for presenting the plan to the state.

Members agreed that they need more information to vote on Motion B and deferred their vote until June 2<sup>nd</sup> when the committee meets again.

*Ms. Fallon moved:* Favorable action on **Motion C** for transfer to Belmont Housing Trust.

Mrs. Brusch seconded.

The Chair called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

The motion carried unanimously.

*Ms. Fallon moved:* Favorable action on **Motion D** for the Tennis Court Expansion-Winn Brook School.

Mrs. Brusch seconded.

The Chair called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Vote on Article 16 Enterprise Funds for Water and Sewer and Stormwater Services Motions**

There was discussion about the plan to use \$150K from each of the Enterprise Funds (Water and Sewer) to defray the cost of the tank project at the DPW site. Because the project has serious neighborhood opposition, further study of the type of tanks to be installed, and whether they will be above ground or under-ground will be conducted. It is possible the project will be on the warrant at a fall town meeting.

*Ms. Fallon moved:* Favorable action on **Motion A.**

Mrs. Brusch seconded.

The Chair called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

The motion carried unanimously.

*Ms. Vose moved:* Favorable action on **Motion B.**

Mrs. Brusch seconded.

The Chair called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

## **Vote on Article 19 Appropriation of Capital Expenditures**

Chair Mahoney noted that the final version of this Article removes the funding for the DPW tank project from Belmont Municipal Light Department for the reasons previously discussed. She also provided the final sidewalk appropriation figure of \$231,801.

*Mr. Epstein moved:* Favorable action on **Motion A.**

Ms. Fallon seconded.

The Chair called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

The motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Epstein moved:* Favorable action on **Motion B.**

Ms. Fallon seconded.

The Chair called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Vote on Article 22 FY22 Budget Appropriation and Transfer of Balances to Fund the FY22 Budget**

The subject of this article is the operating budget for FY22.

*Mrs. Brusch moved:* Favorable action on all motions under Warrant Article 22.

Mr. Epstein seconded.

The Chair called the Roll with all members voting in favor.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Further discussion about Town Meeting**

Chair Mahoney explained that the controversy about the DPW tank project has prompted the filing of Warrant amendments. If any pass, there would be additional capital budget money for FY22. She proposed that these funds be added to capital turn back money, which the committee members will recommend appropriating at a fall town meeting. Members also discussed meeting again before the beginning of the second part of Town Meeting in early June.

**Next Meetings** June 2 at 5:30 p.m.  
June 7 at 5:45 p.m.

### **Residents Questions and Comments**

Resident Frank French, Jr. told the CBC that he has filed an amendment to the CPA Article with respect to the \$200K appropriation for the Community Path. He was happy to entertain any questions that members had. Chair Mahoney encouraged Mr. French to attend the CBC's next meeting on June 2 to follow the committee's discussion of proposed amendments.

The CBC moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vose, Secretary