

DATE: June 16, 2022

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**TOWN OF BELMONT
MEETING OF THE
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING BY AUDIO AND VISUAL REMOTE ACCESS AND BY
Thursday, May 26, 2022
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.

CBC Members Present by Audio and Video Remote Access: Chair Mahoney, M. Patricia Brusch, Susan Burgess Cox, Adam Dash (SB), Jenny Fallon (WC) (at 8:15) and Rebecca Vose

Absent: Meg Moriarty

Also Present: Jennifer Hewitt, Assistant Town Administrator; Matthew Haskell, Budget Analyst, Office of the Town Administrator

Introduction of new Assistant Town Administrator

Chair Mahoney welcomed Jennifer Hewitt who is the new Assistant Town Administrator to her first meeting of the Capital Budget Committee and introduced her to members.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Brush moved: That the minutes of April 28, 2022, as written be approved.
Mr. Dash seconded.

Chair Mahoney called the Roll with Members Brusch, Dash, Mahoney and Vose voting in favor.

Ms. Burgess Cox abstained.

Town Meeting Articles to be Voted or Re-voted

Due to a mistake in the treatment of Sidewalk money appropriated for FY23, the Committee needs to re-vote Article 20. The result is an increase in the money designated for the Project Bid Reserve. The CBC's earlier vote did not include \$500K for water main replacement in Water Enterprise funds, which makes it necessary to re-vote Article 16 as well. There remain other articles on the Warrant that the CBC will vote for the first time.

Vote on Article 8 – Skating Rink Building Committee

This article is not in final form. The CBC will meet jointly with the Select Board on June 1st at 5:30 p.m. to vote Article 8.

Vote on Article 14 – Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Projects

Mr. Dash moved: Approval of the CPC projects as presented in Article 14.
Ms. Fallon seconded.

Chair Mahoney called the Roll with all Members present voting in favor.

Re-Vote on Article 16 – Enterprise Funds

Ms. Fallon moved: Approval of Article 16 in its entirety.
Mr. Dash seconded.

Chair Mahoney called the Roll with all Members present voting in favor.

Vote on Article 18 – Transportation Grant

Ms. Fallon moved: Approval of Article 18.
Mrs. Brusch seconded.

Chair Mahoney called the Roll with all Members present voting in favor.

Vote on Article 19 – Fuel Tanks at DPW Yard

This article approves using Free Cash, Federal Funds and previously allocated Capital Budget money to install underground tanks. The proponents of this article have threatened the Town with a lawsuit if the tanks are not installed underground. Many members of the Committee found this tactic outrageous. They worried that caving to manipulation of this sort sets a dangerous precedent. Others agreed that threatening to sue was outrageous but felt strongly that the town needs to move forward with this project for myriad reasons, not the least of which is to install tanks that are insurable.

Ms. Vose moved: Unfavorable action on Article 19.
Mrs. Brusch seconded.

Chair Mahoney called the Roll with Members Burgess Cox, Brusch, Mahoney and Vose voting in favor.

Members Dash and Fallon voted against.

Re-Vote on Article 20 – Capital Budget

There are two motions under this article, A and B.

Ms. Fallon moved: Approval of Motion A under Article 20.
Mrs. Brusch seconded.

Chair Mahoney called the Roll with all Members present voting in favor.

Ms. Fallon moved: Approval of Motion B under Article 20.
Mrs. Brusch seconded.

Chair Mahoney called the Roll with all Members present voting in favor.

Vote on Article 22 – FY23 Budget Appropriation and Transfer Balances to Fund the FY23 Budget

Ms. Fallon moved: Approval of Article 22 in its entirety.
Mrs. Brusch seconded.

Chair Mahoney called the Roll with all Members present voting in favor.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. jointly with the Select Board

The CBC moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vose, Secretary