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Meeting Minutes for the
Belmont Information Technology Advisory Committee, Subcommittee on
Technology, Cybersecurity, and Public Health

Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 7:30-8:30pm

Location: Selectmen's Meeting Room, Belmont Town Hall, 455 Concord Avenue,
Belmont MA 02478

Present: Glenn Wong (chair), Daniel Ellard, Officer James Siracusa, Charlie Smart

Absent: Cheryl Fletterwick

- Meeting was called to order at 7:50pm; by unanimous consent James was confirmed as a full voting member.
- Minutes from prior meeting (Feb 21, 2018) was approved unanimously.
- Next we discussed attendance and feedback from our last fireside chat on Tues, February 27, 2018.
 - There was slight disappointment among some members due to a slightly smaller crowd, despite new outreach methods such as a meeting notice in the Belmont Light bill.
 - Factors that may have affected the attendance include:
 - Dan tried advertising through the district listserv; didn't go through.
 - Glenn's note to the Town Clerk was sent late and was not redistributed to Town Meeting members until 15 minutes before the fireside chat was due to start.
 - The feedback (from some attendees, the librarian Mary Carter, and other ITAC committee members) about the guest speaker, topic, and overall discussion was positive.
- Open discussion on timing, topics for next fireside chat
 - We agreed to schedule the next fireside chat at the end of September or October; an exact date will be decided over the summer.

- Possible topics:
 - Three were mentioned at our last meeting: travel security, augmented reality, health data.
 - Artificial intelligence and the recent debates between those who see it as a threat (i.e., Elon Musk) and others. Speakers from Dan's company or the MIT Media lab might be possible.
 - Cyberbullying - yes, lots of teaching in schools but also an issue for adults; we could partner with Steve Mazzola on this and get speaker ideas from him.
 - Fake news, SWAT'ing --the practice of fake 'tip' calls that prompt heavy police response (SWAT teams) that show up at unsuspecting innocents' homes.
- Dan also suggested that we could have 2 different topics in the same evening, each with a short TED-like presentation (15-20 min) and short follow on Q&A.
- Glenn will ask Paul for time at the next full ITAC committee meeting to solicit ideas/support for the topic of the next fireside chat, to discuss our participation at the next "Meet Belmont" event in August/September, and to explore budget options to support these activities. Glenn will also ask Paul to include Jim on the invite list for future meetings.
- We tentatively scheduled our next meeting for Wednesday, June 13, contingent on Cheryl's availability. Glenn will check with her separately.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm