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Board of Selectmen

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DATE: 6/5/2019

Belmont High School, Main Office Conference Room

Monday, April 29, 2019

6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Tom Caputo. Vice Chair Adam Dash and Selectmen Roy Epstein were present. Town Administrator Patrice Garvin was present.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[There were none.]

COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS:

[There were none]

ACTION BY CONSENT:

Discussion and vote on Town of Belmont Continuing Disclosure Policy

Floyd Carman joined the meeting and explained that review, updating and potential renewal of the disclosure policy was something that takes place every 6-7 years at the encouragement of Bond Counsel. The policy designates a point person from a compliance standpoint to interact with bond holders.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town Treasurer to review and update the continuing disclosure policy. (Vote passed 3-0)

Possible Special Town Meeting warrant article discussion – Belmont Hill Sewer Easement

Glenn Clancy (Director, Community Development) explained that planned renovations to the Chapel building on the Belmont Hill School campus required relocation of a portion (~10ft) of a nearby sewer easement. From an engineering perspective the change did not present any problems/issues. Town Meeting is ultimately required to approve changes to easements. Belmont Hill School was covering all the costs of the sewer relocation.

Epstein asked how old the sewer lines are; Clancy thought they may be from the 1930's. It was likely that portion of the sewer had already been lined, but any necessary repairs would be made during the relocation.

Clancy would prepare a draft easement agreement for the Board to review in advance of seeking approval at the upcoming Town Meeting session.

George Hall (Town Counsel) noted for the record that some towns have bylaws which allow the Board of Selectmen to address minor easement issues, negating the need to go to Town Meeting – something the Board might consider in the future, so as to not hold up projects in the case where an easement issue arises and Town Meeting is not upcoming.

Discussion and vote on Board of Selectmen positions for Warrant Articles and Amendments for Special Town Meeting

This item was deferred, as the Article requiring discussion was not yet numbered.

Discussion and vote on Board of Selectmen positions for Warrant Articles and Amendments for Annual Town Meeting – Segment A

[None.]

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

P. Garvin reviewed the Town Administrator's Report:

- Update on Paramount shooting from Ryan Cook (Location Manager, Paramount):
 - Filming had started at the location on Ivy Rd.
 - Looking to extend filming hours this week, in order to wrap by Monday. The proposed plan is to film later into the night (1hr) than originally agreed on. Direct neighbors had been notified and were okay with the proposed change.
 - Cook asked about the Town's policy on drones for potential drone filming at a later date. There was no official policy in place; recommended to coordinate with Police and Fire Departments and the Town Administrator.
 - Cook would follow-up with Garvin to discuss repair of sidewalk boulevards damaged by filming.
- P. Garvin and A. Dash had attended a forum with Congresswoman Clark on climate issues.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Epstein provided an update from the Conservation Commission:

- Noted there were several Belmont beekeepers in attendance at the meeting.
- A concern was raised over a retaining wall on Clafflin Street that was in danger of failure; Epstein thought it may belong to the Town, and would follow-up on the matter with Garvin.

Dash had attended the Lone Tree Hill clean-up, as well as Arbor Day celebrations where he had read a Town proclamation.

Caputo provided an update from several committees:

- Warrant Committee: On track to produce the Warrant Committee report for Segment B of Town meeting. There was a request for a transfer from the Warrant Committee Reserve fund for snow/ice. Garvin said that facilities would be bringing another such request soon.
- School Committee: Had reviewed options for potential location of an ice rink on the campus. Caputo reported general enthusiasm to proceed with a public forum in mid to late May, to work out details of an RFP for the rink such as program, site location, size etc.
- Belmont High School Building Committee: Had engaged in a process of value engineering over the course of two meetings, to try to find \$25m in savings for the project. Caputo said there was confidence that the number could be reached while still maintaining solar panels for the roof. Epstein suggested the Committee review the size of the proposed solar array for the roof to sync with the load demand; he was not sure what criteria had been used initially. Epstein confirmed with Caputo that the original contingency would be maintained despite the proposed savings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn. (Vote passed 3-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator