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Town of Belmont

Board of Selectmen

High School, Main Office Conference Room

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

6:00pm

APPROVED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE: 6/24/19

CALL TO ORDER:

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[None.]

COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS:

[There were none]

ACTION BY CONSENT:

Discussion and vote on request from Belmont Youth Baseball Board Members to rename a portion of Grove Street Field to honor Daniel Kelleher

Members of the Belmont Youth Baseball Board and Daniel Kelleher's family were present at the meeting. Kelleher was a lifelong Belmont resident who had volunteered over 40 years in coaching baseball and hockey and served as the JV baseball coach. The proposal was to place a piece of granite with a 12"x12" bronze plaque having a picture and description of Kelleher; this would go behind the backstop of the corner field.

Dash noted the proposal met the criteria of the naming policy and confirmed that Belmont Youth Baseball would cover expenses for installation. The Belmont Youth Board Members stated the Recreation Commission was supportive of the idea but had referred the application to the Board of Selectmen due to the naming policy.

Motion: To rename the corner baseball field at Grove Street Park in honor of Daniel Kelleher with a plaque on the backstop, installed at the expense of Belmont Youth Baseball. (Vote passed 3-0)

Discussion and possible vote on public / private partnership for the ice skating rink

Caputo relayed that following the joint public forum with the School Committee held on May 30, the School Committee had subsequently met and voted 6-0 in favor of exploring the RFP process for a public-private partnership for the rink. A further discussion would follow in two weeks' time regarding specifics on the size and location.

Caputo emphasized that the RFP process may not result in a partnership that meets the needs of the community, and that public input over the course of the summer was important. He advocated moving forward with exploring the RFP process.

Dash noted that since the public forum he had heard concerns over hours, parking, and traffic. Caputo noted a big concern expressed to him was lack of control over the project. Epstein was supportive of exploring the RFP process, with the caveat that proposals should include a detailed business plan – his concern was over the incremental revenue required to make the project viable.

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen express support for moving to the RFP stage in exploring a public-private partnership for the ice skating rink. (Vote passed 3-0)

Discussion of possible Board of Selectmen meeting on June 10, 2019

It was determined not to meet on this date.

Discussion and vote on the request from Lisa's Family Pizzeria for outdoor dining on a public sidewalk

This item had been deferred at the last meeting to allow time for Community Development to weigh in on the request; Community Development had since weighed in and approved of the proposal.

Motion: To approve the request from Lisa's Family Pizzeria for outdoor dining on a public sidewalk, consisting of four tables with two chairs per table. (Vote passed 3-0)

Vote to approve request for One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License from Angela Stamoulos of Coldwell Banker for an "Office Opening" on June 13, 2019

Motion: To approve the One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License as specified above, from 4-9pm. (Vote passed 3-0)

Vote to approve request for One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License from Dipali Trivedi for a Summer Party at the Beech Street Center on June 22, 2019

Motion: To approve the One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License as specified above, from 7-8:30pm. (Vote passed 3-0)

Discussion and vote on Annual Town Meeting Segment B Warrant Articles on any amendments thereto

Article 12: Regarding approval of salaries of elected officials.

Motion: To recommend favorable action on Article 12. (Vote passed 3-0)

Article 17: Regarding limits on revolving funds.

Motion: To recommend favorable action on Article 17. (Vote passed 3-0)

Article 18: Regarding the FY20 budget appropriations.

Motion: To recommend favorable action on Article 18. (Vote passed 3-0)

Article 19: Regarding OPEB stabilization fund.

Motion: To recommend favorable action on Article 19. (Vote passed 3-0)

Discussion of Pole Petitions from ExteNet Systems Inc.: a) 223 Channing Rd. b) 30-42 Leonard St.

Garvin relayed that the representative from ExteNet had indicated by email that he intended to withdraw both petitions. Caputo delayed discussion of the item to see if the representative would arrive to the meeting.

Q3 Review

[Not covered.]

Proclamation Fred Dooe

Peter Struzziero (Director, Belmont Public Library) was present at the meeting. He thanked the Board for supporting the proclamation, which honored Dooe's 47 years of service as a Library/Town employee.

Motion: To issue the proclamation to honor Fred Dooe as written. (Vote passed 3-0)

Executive Session: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union personnel: Joint Public Safety Dispatchers International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1637

Motion: To enter executive session as described above. (Vote passed 3-0; Roll call vote: Tom Caputo, Adam Dash, and Roy Epstein)

Motion: To leave executive session. (Vote passed 3-0; Roll call vote: Tom Caputo, Adam Dash, and Roy Epstein)

Vote to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Belmont and the Joint Public Safety Dispatchers International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1637

Jessica Porter (Director, HR) explained that this was the final outstanding union contract to be settled, covering the period from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. The contract terms were straightforward: a 2% per year cost-of-living increase in addition to some housekeeping matters (clarification of processes already in place). The total increase was 6.12% over the three years of the contract.

Motion: To approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Belmont and the Joint Public Safety Dispatchers International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1637, covering the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. (Vote passed 3-0)

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

- Met with Nava Niv-Vogel and Housing Authority Director Jaclyn Martin to discuss the request for a Council on Aging (COA) social worker position. The Housing Authority was interested in a joint position but would not know about funding until later in the year; still potential to fund the position by late Fall. Caputo suggested earmarking the \$22k in grant money received by the COA for the position.
- Three bids had been received for the consultant to advise the Police Chief search. All were highly rated and could perform the task – Garvin requested input on whether the Board wanted to interview the candidates. The Board agreed to interview all three candidates; Garvin would arrange a meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

[None]

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- *April 22, 2019 regular session:*

Motion: To approve the April 22, 2019 regular session minutes. (Vote passed 3-0)

- *April 29, 2019 regular session:*

Motion: To approve the April 29, 2019 regular session minutes. (Vote passed 3-0)

- *May 6, 2019 regular session:*

Motion: To approve the May 6, 2019 regular session minutes. (Vote passed 3-0)

[Resumed discussion on the ExteNet Systems Pole Petitions.]

- Lauren Meir (Co-chair, Historic District) was present at the meeting. She relayed that Keenan Brinn (the consultant from ExteNet) had attended a meeting with the HDC, prior to which Brinn had sent an email suggesting a potential different location for the Leonard Street pole. The new pole would be located within the Historic District, and Meier had apprised Brinn of the necessary process to get approval.
Meier raised concern that with all the various bodies involved (Belmont Light, Board of Selectmen, HDC) it would be tough to coordinate all the necessary approvals within a 60 day time window – a discussion of process was warranted.
- Chris Roy (GM, Belmont Light) reviewed some pros and cons of Belmont Light owning the poles (control over aesthetics, ensuring safety, control over maintenance) versus the developer (not having to maintain an inventory or sourcing of the poles).
- Caputo reiterated the need to get more information on how other communities have dealt with 5G rollout, in part to determine if there was a good way to control the process. Garvin suggested the Information Technology Advisory Committee be tasked with doing this research.

[Open discussion to the public.]

- *Fielding Lewis (154 Goden St.):* Scared of 5G technology and health problems associated with the radiation. Did the Board give any thought to health implications? Board should be responsible for protecting health of residents.
- *Courtney Sturgeon (409 Common St.):* Public needs to know what the full 5G rollout will look like in Belmont – engineers/lawyers should also weigh in.
- *Betsy Lewis (154 Goden St.):* Also concerned about health implications. Conversations need to be more public. Although the Board may not be able to fully regulate the 5G deployment, it should be strategic about guiding the implementation in a way that is favorable to residents.

Keenan Brinn (Consultant, ExteNet Systems Inc.) arrived to the meeting. He confirmed his intention to withdraw the two applications, continue working with the HDC on the Leonard Street pole and also to possibly move the other proposed pole on Channing Road as well.

Motion: To accept the withdrawal of the pole petitions at 223 Channing Road and 30-42 Leonard Street. (Vote passed 3-0)

Dash explained that Garvin was in process of developing an application form for new pole petitions which would cover the criteria contained in the regulations, and make it easy to verify whether an application was in compliance. He advised that Mr. Brinn should use the form for making the new applications, once finalized.

Motion: To authorize Town Administrator Garvin to finalize the application for pole petitions. (Vote passed 3-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn at 7:07pm. (Vote passed 3-0)



Respectfully Submitted,

Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator