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3 **APPROVED BY THE**
4 **SELECT BOARD**
5 **5/22/2023**

Minutes of the
Town of Belmont
REGULAR SESSION
of the
SELECT BOARD
May 1, 2023
5:30pm

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DATE: June 5, 2023
TIME: 3:06 PM

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10 **To view the recording of the meeting**, please click [HERE](#).

11 **Call to Order:** Mr. Paolillo called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Select Board Members	Present	Staff Members	
Mark Paolillo, Chair	Yes	Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator	Yes
Roy Epstein Vice Chair	Yes	Others Present	
Elizabeth Dionne, Member	Yes	George Hall, Town Counsel	Yes
		Becca Pizzi	Remote
		David Lind, Vice Chair, Recreation Commission	Yes
		Paul Cowing, Chair, Recreation Commission	Remote

12 **Action by Consent:** Signing of a Proclamation in honor of Fred Paulsen for years of service.

13 *A Motion was made to approve the proclamation in honor of Fred Paulsen for years of service. The*
14 *motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.*

15 **Executive Session:** To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open
16 meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and
17 the chair so declares.

18 *A Motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective*
19 *bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating*
20 *position of the public body and the chair so declares. The motion was seconded and passed*
21 *unanimously by 3-0 vote. The Board went into Executive Session at 5:33pm.*

22 *A Motion was made to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by*
23 *3-0 vote. The Board returned to Open Session at 5:35pm.*

24 **Discussion and possible vote on positions for warrant articles and possible amendments for the May**
25 **1, 2023 Annual Town Meeting**

26 Article 10: Replace General Bylaw § 60-310 with Specialized Energy Code.

27 Mr. Paolillo reviewed the concerns about this article and announced that the petitioner is willing to withdraw
28 this article if the Select Board commits to including it on the warrant for the fall Town Meeting. There was a
29 discussion of this request, which the Board agreed to.

30 Article 11: FY2024 Community Preservation Committee Budget & Projects Proposed Amendment

31 Mr. Paolillo read the proposed amendment, which was proposed by Catherine Bowen, Town Meeting Member
32 Precinct 4:

33 *To amend the motion to remove the portion of the motion that reads "C. That \$942,953 will be*
34 *appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund for the Grove*
35 *Street Baseball and Basketball reconstruction." and replace with "C. That \$298,370 will be appropriated*
36 *from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund for the Grove Street*
37 *Baseball and Basketball reconstruction.*

38 He then read Ms. Bowen's explanation that "the purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow Town Meeting
39 to debate and vote on allocating sufficient funds for the reconstruction of the Grove Street Basketball Court.
40 This amendment would not provide sufficient funds for the reconstruction of the Grove Street Baseball Fields."

Ms. Dionne, who is Chair of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), explained that the Committee met earlier in the day to consider the amendment. The CPC unanimously recommends unfavorable action on the proposed amendment as there was no justification for it. Ms. Dionne read a statement of the CPC's position.

Mr. Lind advised that the Recreation Commission also unanimously recommended unfavorable action.

Mr. Cowing reviewed the history of the project and advised that this amendment would eliminate the project and cause unsafe conditions at the field and court to be maintained.

Mr. Epstein moved unfavorable action on the amendment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

Possible vote to accept the resignation of Matthew Lowrie, Planning Board

Mr. Paolillo thanked Mr. Lowrie for his years of service to the Planning Board.

A Motion was made to accept the resignation from Matthew Lowrie from the Planning Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

Discussion and possible vote to approve the 9th Annual Becca Pizzi 5k and kid's 1 mile Road Races on Sunday, August 27, 2023, 9:00am.

Mr. Pizzi explained that she has reached out to the Police, Fire and DPW, and spoke about the scholarships that have been given out, and the details of the event.

A Motion was made to approve the request from Becca Pizzi to host the 9th Annual Becca Pizzi 5k and kid's 1 mile Road Races on Sunday, August 27, 2023, 9:00am. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by 3-0 vote.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Epstein reported that there will be a virtual meeting of the MBTA Communities Advisory Committee on Monday, May 8 at 4:00pm. He will be presenting a scenario on how this might affect Belmont.

Upcoming topics:

- a. Request for Gay Pride Parade on June 17, 2023 (May 3)
 - b. Approval of Fuel Consortium Contracts (May 3)
 - c. Public Hearing for new all alcohol liquor license, Handy Spa, 243 Belmont St. (May 8)
 - d. Public Hearing for change of category of liquor license, Art's Specialties, 369 Trapelo Road (May 8)
- Approval of Minutes

Next Meetings

- a. May 3, 2023 – 5:30 PM – Hybrid at Belmont High School, Room C248C
- b. May 8, 2023 – 5 :30 PM – Hybrid at Belmont High School, Room C248C
- c. May 10, 2023 – 6:00 PM – Water & Sewer Public Hearing, Location TBD
- d. May 22, 2023 – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

Adjournment

A motion was made to suspend the Select Board meeting to Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Peghiny
Recording Secretary