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the Select Board on:

5/23/2022

Select Board Meeting

May 2, 2022

Remote Meeting

5:30 PM

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DATE: June 2, 2022
TIME: 2:35 PM

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Select Board was called to order by Chair Mark Paolillo. Vice Chair Adam Dash and Select Board member Roy Epstein were present, along with Town Administrator Patrice Garvin, and Acting Assistant Town Administrator Glenn Clancy, and Wes Chin Director of the Health Department.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The month of May is Pacific Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month. Michael Gao, President of the Belmont Chinese American Association, talked about the various activities being held during the month of May in Belmont.
- Final Fuel Tank Public Forum will be held Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

ACTION BY CONSENT

Discussion and possible vote on Select Board positions for Warrant Articles and Amendments for the Annual Town Meeting (ATM)

WARRANT ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL BELMONT TOWN MEETING 2022	
Article #	Title
1	Reports
2	Authorization to Represent the Town's legal Interests
3	Amend General By-Law § 40-405A Capital Budget Committee
4	Amend General By-Law § 60-32 Demolition Delay
5	Amend General By-Law § 40-100 Membership of Town Committees
6	Amend General By-Law § 60-325 Stormwater Management and Erosion Control
7	Acceptance of Public Way: Oakmont Lane
8	Establish a Skating Rink and Playing Fields Building Committee
9	Special Act: Retail Liquor Licenses
10	Special Act: Relating to the Retirement Classification of Certain Employees in the Town of Belmont
CITIZEN PETITIONS	
11	A Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag and Seal of Massachusetts
12	Amend General By-Law § 40-25 Encouraging Public Participation
13	Resolution Requiring Middle/High School Solar Funding
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS	
14	FY23 Community Preservation Committee Budget and Projects
BUDGETS AND FINANCIAL ARTICLES	
15	Salaries of Elected Officials

16	Enterprise Funds for Water, Sewer and Stormwater
17	Establish Expenditure Limitation for Revolving Funds
18	Appropriation of Transportation Grant
19	Appropriation of Capital Expenditure Fuel Tanks at DPW Yard
20	Appropriation of FY23 Capital Expenditures
21	Appropriation to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)
22	FY23 Budget Appropriation and Authorization to Transfer Balances to Fund the FY23 Budget

Article 2: Authorization to Represent the Town's Legal Interests

The Select Board agreed that Article 2 should be supported. The Article has been discussed before and the Article involves a simple proforma change.

Motion was made for favorable action by the Select Board on Article 2. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Article 4: Amend General By-Law § 60-32 Demolition Delay

The Select Board agreed that the Article 4 amendment should be supported. The Article has been discussed before. The amendment proposes to remove a sunset clause in the bylaw.

Motion was made for favorable action by the Select Board on Article 4. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Article 5: Amend General By-Law § 40-100 Membership of Town Committees

This amendment was submitted by Town Clerk, Ellen Cushman. The amendment requires members of Town Committees to be residents of Belmont. Dash noted that this requirement is already part of the procedure for Town Committees.

Motion was made for favorable action by the Select Board on Article 5 as amended. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Article 6: Amend General By-Law § 60-325 Stormwater Management and Erosion Control

This amendment brings Belmont into compliance with the US Department of Environmental Protection and the Mass. Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

Motion was made for favorable action by the Select Board on Article 6 as amended. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Article 7: Acceptance of Public Way: Oakmont Lane

The Select Board is required to vote on supporting this Article, before it goes to Town Meeting. It is a purchase and sales agreement that was executed with developer.

Motion was made for favorable action by the Select Board on Article 7. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Article 9: Special Act: Retail Liquor Licenses

This special act establishes that the number of alcohol licenses allowed in Belmont will remain at four (4) and wine and beer licenses will change from seven (7) to six (6). Only wine and beer numbers are being amended. The Article incorporates the amendment language.

Motion was made for favorable action by the Select Board on Article 9. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Article 10: Special Act: Relating to the Retirement Classification of Certain Employees in the Town of Belmont

This Article affects eight current employees and was discussed in length at two prior Select Board meetings by Tom Gibson, Chair of the Belmont Retirement Board.

Garvin said that Article 10 was amended to include positions that were left out of the original Article. Dash made an additional motion to address this change.

Motion was made for the Select Board to reconsider the vote on Article 10. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Motion was made for favorable action by the Select Board on Article 10 as amended. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Article 11: A Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag and Seal of Massachusetts

Dash said the petitioner had never discussed this resolution with the Select Board, but from what he has read about it, he would support it. Epstein said he generally does not support non-binding resolutions.

Motion was made for favorable action by the Select Board on Article 11. Motion was approved by a vote of 2-1. Epstein abstained from this vote.

Article 12: Amend General By-Law § 40-25 Encouraging Public Participation

This is a resolution and not a bylaw change and it does not apply to elected boards. The Article will not be placed on the Town Meeting Warrant until a week from tonight. The Select Board would like to have further discussion on this citizen petition and table the vote to a later meeting.

Robert McGaw, the citizen who submitted the amendment, joined the meeting. He confirmed that this amendment never applied to elected boards, only appointed boards.

Discussion and possible vote to sign Community Preservation Act (CPA) Grant Agreement for the Belmont Housing Trust

Betsy Lipson, Co-chair of the Belmont Housing Trust joined the meeting. This agreement is in regards to funds that were provided by Town Meeting a year ago. At that time, Town Meeting approved shifting grant funds to an emergency rental fund. The approval from the Select Board will allow for the Housing Trust to move forward with bids from developers.

Motion was made for the Select Board to approve and sign the Community Preservation Act grant agreement for the Belmont Housing Trust, as presented, with an amendment that the first paragraph be changed from the "Board of Selectman" to "Select Board." Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Accept resignations from Wayne Haley from the Belmont Emergency Management Agency and as Chair of the Local Emergency Planning Committee

Wayne Haley is resigning these positions due to his recent change from Assistant Fire Chief to Captain.

Motion was made for the Select Board to accept the resignation of Wayne Haley from the Belmont Emergency Management Agency and as Chair of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion and possible vote for appointment to the Belmont Emergency Management Agency – A. Tobio

New Assistant Fire Chief, Andrew Tobio will become the Director of the Belmont Emergency Management Agency. The Local Emergency Planning Committee members will appoint the Chair of their committee. Assistant Chief Tobio spoke about his new role. Paolillo suggested that the Emergency Planning Committee present information about the committee at an upcoming Select Board meeting. Garvin said that she and Assistant Chief Tobio would review the charge of the committee. The Select Board also discussed the possibility of a Select Board liaison member joining the Emergency Planning Committee.

Motion was made to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Tobio to the position of Director of the Belmont Emergency Management Agency. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion and possible vote to sign Intermunicipal Nursing Services Agreement Between the Towns of Belmont and Arlington

Town Administrator Garvin and Director of Health Department Wes Chin reported that this involves a long-standing agreement with Lexington to share one health nurse. Lexington had decided that they wanted to change this position to 40 hours and made the decisions to no longer share the nursing services with Belmont. After reaching out to other nearby towns, they learned that the Town of Arlington is willing to share a nurse. The employee will belong to the Town of Belmont. Salary split will be 40% support from Belmont and 60% support from Arlington. The employee will be the same person as originally retained in this position.

Motion was made to sign the Intermunicipal Nursing Services Agreement Between the Towns of Belmont and Arlington as presented. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Proposed Future Agenda Items for the May 23, 2022 Select Board Meeting:

- a. Structural Change Impact Group Presentation
- b. Energy Committee discussion of electrification of Town fleet
- c. Third Quarter (Q3) Financial Result
- d. ARPA fund allocation
- e. Leaf Blower bylaw review. Epstein suggested that a public forum be held before Select Board vote on the bylaw.

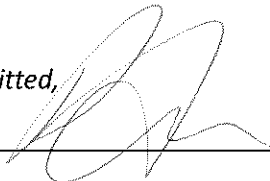
Next Meetings:

Pre-ATM Meetings: Tuesday, May 3, 8:00 AM, Wednesday, May 4, 5:30 PM; Monday, May 9, 5:30 PM, Wednesday, May 11, 5:30 PM

Thursday, May 19, 2022 – 7:00 PM – Final Fuel Tank Public Forum
Monday, May 23, 2022 – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

Motion was made to suspend the Select Board Meeting and reconvene at Town Meeting. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrice Garvin', is written over a horizontal line.

PATRICE GARVIN, Town Administrator

