

APPROVED BY**THE SELECT BOARD**June 27, 2022

Select Board Meeting

Wednesday June 8, 2022

Remote Meeting

5:30 PM

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BELMONT, MA**

DATE: July 11, 2022

TIME: 8:36 AM

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 Assistant Town Administrator Jennifer Hewitt, Acting Recreation Director Brandon Fitts and Town Counsel George Hall.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTSRecreation Community Program Update

Brandon Fitts, Acting Recreation Director, announced the start of a pilot program. The Recreation Department wants to offer activities for students in Belmont Square for the summer. The program will be enhanced in the Fall.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTJune Bulletin

This month's edition focuses on the past year's accomplishments in the Town departments. Also highlights Nava Niv-Vogel's commitment as Director of the COA.

ACTION BY CONSENTProclamation in honor of Nava Niv-Vogel

Nava joined the group to talk about her retirement. She has served as the Director of the COA for 22 years. There will be a retirement party for her at the Beech St. Center on Monday and she will attend the Select Board meeting on Monday as well.

Chair Paolillo read the proclamation about Nava Niv-Vogel's service and her commitment to the position. She has used her expertise to promote the needs of the aging population. She was instrumental in making the new Beech St. Center a lively center in Belmont, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her professional manner, and dedication to the older adults of Belmont is sincerely appreciated by the Select Board and citizens of Belmont.

Discussion and possible vote to approve Contract for Designer Services awarded to The Galante Architecture Studio, Inc. of Cambridge, MA in the amount of \$139,775.00

This is the third time this item has been on the agenda. George Hall, Town Counsel and Mark Haley, Chair of the Preliminary Rink Design Committee joined the meeting to discuss the changes to the contract.

The most recent version of the contract was displayed on the screen. Mark Haley said the revisions were made after discussions with Patrice Garvin and Atty. Jonathan Elder.

Dash said that he feels the scope of work does not match the motions of the Article. The field design, costing and the White Field House are not included in the scope. Dash detailed some changes he would like to see made in the contract. He said he would like to know what the contract costs will be before he agrees to approve the contract. He also noted that some of the attachments were not included in the latest version. He feels that the scope of work needs to be revised to reflect the amended Article. If the contract does not have a termination date that reflects the end of the feasibility study, Galante could charge for extra work that changes the flat fee price originally agreed upon.

Paolillo said his understanding is that this contract reflects work done on the feasibility study only and the contract work cannot be transferred to the new building committee. Paolillo agreed that a termination date for the feasibility phase should be added to the contract. Dash suggested that the contract be drawn up just for work already performed by Galante Studios.

Epstein feels that the contract and the motion are two separate issues. If the new rink building committee is approved by Town Meeting, then the contract should be terminated before they start their work. It is up to the new building committee to enter into a new agreement. Epstein also noted Attachment A of the scope of work makes reference to a debt exclusion vote. The debt exclusion and the project construction date, should be removed because it is not part of the preliminary work.

The Select Board members agreed that they didn't expect the Preliminary Rink Committee to continue after the new building committee was formed. They agreed that revisions are needed on the contract. The contract should include rates, insurance and anti-collusion compliance statements. Those attachments were in a prior draft, but were not included in the newest package.

Haley said he sent rate schedules from Galante Studios and the subcontractor firms to Jonathan Elder and Patrice Garvin.

Paolillo asked if it's possible to have a contract by Monday that is just for the feasibility study that includes a scope of work with fees and rates so we don't have to look at prior documents. Garvin affirmed that the contract would be ready for Monday's meeting. She said the main focus of the revision will be to hone the scope of work. Mark Haley said that he and Ted Galante will meet to talk about how they should modify the scope. Dash confirmed the importance of changing the scope of work to reflect the feasibility study in order to limit Town's liability.

Article 8: Establish a Skating Rink and Playing Fields Building Committee (second revised amendment submitted by Roger Wrubel)

The Select Board members discussed a second amendment to Article 8 that was submitted by Roger Wrubel. The Select Board agreed that this new version did not change the substance of the previous amendment and they would again move unfavorable action.

*Motion was made for unfavorable action on the Article 8 amendment submitted by Roger Wrubel.
Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. May 19, 2022 – Fuel Tank Public Forum
- b. May 23, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- c. May 23, 2022 – Executive Session

Motion was made to approve the May 19th Fuel Tank Forum minutes and the May 23rd Executive Committee minutes.

[The May 23, 2022 regular meeting minutes approval will be delayed until the next Select Board meeting on June 13, 2022.]

Motion was made to recess to Town Meeting. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Next Meetings:

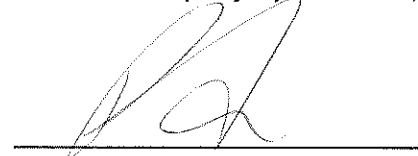
- a. Potential Topics: (1) Discussion and possible vote on Select Board positions for Warrant Articles and Amendments for the ATM (6/13)
- b. Next Meeting Dates:
 - 1) Monday, June 13, 2022 – 5:30 PM – Pre-ATM Meeting
 - 2) Monday, June 27, 2022 – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

Submitted by

Virginia Quinn

Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator