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the Select Board on:

May 25, 2022

Select Board Meeting

May 3, 2022

Remote Meeting

8:00 AM

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DATE: June 7, 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.

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fuel Tank Public Forum will be held on 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 § 40-40SA 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 § 60-32S 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 3 -- Amend General By-Law § 40-405A Capital Budget Committee

There are three amendments to Article 3 submitted by: Robert McGaw, Jack Weis and Ellen Schreiber.

- McGaw amendment:

This amendment seeks to specify the type of financial analysis and financial analysis tools used by the proposed Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee.

Dash reported that the Capital Budget Committee and Long Term Capital Budget Committee voted unfavorable action on the McGaw amendment because the definition of “generally accepted financial analysis tools and models” means different things to people. Dash said that the Warrant Article should establish the Committee’s structure; and the rules and procedures should then be determined by the committee’s members.

Epstein agreed with Dash. The specific types of analyses used should be decided by the committee. He said there is no benefit to this bylaw amendment. He believes that this amendment could set up a situation where the committee’s decisions may not satisfy the bylaw.

Paolillo said he appreciates the intent of the amendment submitted by Mr. McGaw, but he agrees it is not necessary.

*Motion was made for unfavorable action by the Select Board on the McGaw Amendment to Article 3. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

- Weis amendment:

This amendment adds the word “major” before “Capital improvements over a 30-year period” to take into consideration assets that have shorter lives than 30 years.

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

- Schreiber amendment:

Dash said the Long Term Capital Planning Committee hasn’t voted on this amendment yet. This amendment clarifies the language regarding the Select Board seat on the Committee by adding the phrase “the Vice Chair of the Select Board or a member of that Board as designated by the Vice Chair.”

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

*Motion was made for favorable action by the Select Board on Article 3 if the above amendments are not adopted. Motion was approved by a vote of 2-1. Epstein abstained.*

The Select Board members agreed that there are a number of procedural rules that need updating. They agreed to put discussion about procedural rules updates on the Select Board Meeting agenda after Town Meeting.

The Board also discussed whether they should ask all committees to report at Select Board meetings on a regular basis, especially committees that do not report to the Select Board and have monetary responsibility.

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

This bylaw amendment was submitted by Robert McGaw and is a non-binding resolution that covers appointed committees. The Article urges appointed committees to adopt procedures for enhanced public communication and participation.

Epstein said that in lieu of adopting this Article, the Select Board, as the appointing authority, could establish more explicit guidance for committee chairs about public participation under the Open Meeting Law.

Dash said most committee's regularly allow for public comment. Sometimes it's not appropriate to have public comments at every meeting, but it's important that public comment occurs at some point before major committee decisions are made.

The Select Board members all agreed that they endorse the spirit of the amendment to Article 12, but they don't endorse it as non-binding resolution. A suggestion was made for major committees to establish an inbox for public comment. Garvin agreed with this suggestion and said this is an idea that she has been exploring.

*Motion was made for unfavorable action on the McGaw Amendment to Article 3. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

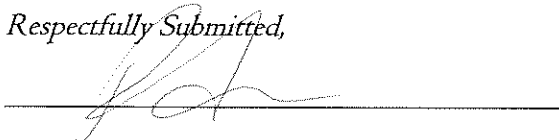
*Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

Next Meetings:

Pre-ATM Meetings: Wednesday, May 4, 5:30 PM, Monday, May 9, 5:30 PM, Wednesday, May 11, 5:30 PM

Monday, May 23, 2022 – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*PATRICE GARVIN, Town Administrator*