

Approved by
the Select Board on:
May 25, 2022

Select Board Meeting

May 4, 2022

Remote Meeting

5:30 PM

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TOWN CLERK
BELMONT, MA

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, Acting Assistant Town Administrator Glenn Clancy, and Jay Marcotte DPW Director.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fuel Tank Public Forum 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)

Paolillo said all the necessary Warrant Articles, to date, for Segment A have been voted. They discussed a possible cancellation of the Monday, May 9th Pre-ATM meeting.

Discussion and possible vote to accept ten (10) donations on behalf of the Commemorative Shade Tree Planting Program in the amount of 4,700.00

Jay Marcotte reported that since the beginning of the Shade Tree Planting Program on March 21, 2022, there have been 10 donations. Trees are planted in various locations across Belmont at a place requested by the donor. The DPW tries to place trees in a location in which they will thrive. Marcotte read the list of donors to date. There will be a plaque placed in Town Hall to commemorate donations.

Motion was made to accept 10 donations in the amount of \$4700.00 on behalf of the Commemorative Shade Tree Planting Program. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion and possible vote on use of American Plan Rescue Act (ARPA) funds for Memorial Day Preparations

Marcotte reported in order to get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day, Frank Sartori, Division Manager for Parks and Cemeteries, requested extra money for landscaping funds. After getting a number of quotes, the decision was made to hire D. Muzzioli and Associates to undertake the temporary project. The work will not exceed \$25K for both cemeteries.

Dash asked if this was an appropriate use of ARPA funds. Garvin replied that there is a \$10M cap for ARPA unrestricted funds. Garvin also reported that the Town will be receiving \$160K through FEMA reimbursements that will offset the ARPA appropriations previously budgeted. She said the Town already received \$3.9M of ARPA and she expects the other half to be received in Summer 2022.

Motion was made to approve the use of ARPA funds not to exceed \$25K for the purpose of hiring D. Muzzioli and Associates for temporary landscaping work in preparation for Memorial Day ceremonies at the two cemeteries. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Discussion and possible vote on increasing parking fine violations

Police Chief MacIsaac joined the meeting.

Epstein explained that he asked for this last minute agenda item because he learned that the Police Department plans to submit the print order for tickets within the next week.

Epstein said that as a member of the Traffic Working Group, he became aware that ticketing amounts haven't been changed in 10 years. He believes that the amount of the ticket should be high enough to serve as a deterrent. Epstein said students are choosing to park on side streets, not conforming to the parking hour requirements and blocking traffic and he would like to deter this activity. He said there are enough spaces in designated areas on Concord Ave. and students are parking on side streets because it's closer to the high school.

Chief MacIsaac reported that one printing order usually lasts about six months. Dash thinks we need to raise this at a future meeting with public feedback, before we can raise the cost of violations. MacIsaac said that there are violations in the school area, but signs are not very clear and he agrees there may be a need for more discussion on this subject before any decisions are made.

The Select Board agreed that the increase to parking fine violations can be raised at a later meeting, before the next order of tickets is placed, so that public comment can be received.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a. Vacation Notice

Garvin announced she will be taking June 18, 2022 to June 26, 2022 as vacation time. Garvin said that this request does not require written notification because the time period is only one week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. April 11, 2022 – Executive Session
- b. April 25, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made to approve the amended April 11, 2022 Executive Session and the amended April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. 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

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

*Motion was made to enter Executive Session and suspend this meeting until Town Meeting convenes.
Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

Proposed Pre-ATM Meetings:

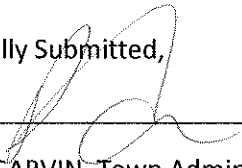
Monday, May 9, 5:30 PM, Wednesday, May 11, 5:30 PM

Next Meetings:

Thursday, May 19, 2022 – 7:00 PM – Final Fuel Tank Public Forum

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

Respectfully Submitted,



PATRICE GARVIN, Town Administrator