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SELECT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

LIVE MEETING

7:00 PM

RECEIVED  
TOWN CLERK  
BELMONT, MA

DATE: September 29, 2021

TIME: 9:11 AM

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Select Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Adam Dash. Vice Chair Roy Epstein and Select Board member Mark Paolillo were present, along with Town Administrator Patrice Garvin, Assistant Town Administrator Jon Marshall, and Director of DPW Jay Marcotte.

[Dash announced that the public will be able to participate in this Select Board meeting on Zoom, in person or by phone.]

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cardboard Drop off event will be held at the DPW Yard on Sat. June 26, from 8 am to 10 am. Pre-register via town website. Cost is \$10.
- Better Bus Project. MBTA is redesigning the bus network and wants input from the public. Go to [MBTA.com/bnrdsurvey](https://www.mbta.com/bnrdsurvey) to fill out the survey.
- Partial re-opening of the Beech St. Center will start Tuesday July 6. The Center will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 am to 4 pm and Thursdays from 8 am to noon. Events will continue to be held outdoors on Monday and Thursday afternoons and Fridays.
- "How to talk to you doctor and be your own advocate" presented by Lynn Croft. Online event held on Thurs, June 24 at 1:15 am. Register by calling 617-993-2976.
- Pride Month Celebration with Nutritionist Allegra Egizi. In-person event held on June 28 at 11 am at Beech St. Center. Register by calling 617-993-2976.
- Water Aerobics with Susan Barbato will be held on Fridays at 8 am from July 9 to August 27. Call 617-993-2976 for more information.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

[NONE.]

Discussion and possible vote to approve request from The Belmont Center Business Association to hold the 30th Annual Belmont Town Day on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM

*Motion was made to approve the request from the Belmont Center Business Association to hold the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Day on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

Vote to approve Department of Public Works contracts:

Jay Marcotte reviewed the contracts:

1. Water Main Replacement Contract with Cedrone Trucking, Inc. for \$1,070,313.50.

*Motion was made to award the Water Main Replacement Project contract to Cedrone Trucking Inc., of North Billerica MA in the amount of \$1,070,313.50. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

**2. Tree Service Contract with Asplundh Tree Service for \$1,672,486.50.**

*Motion was made to award the Tree Service Contract for fiscal years 2022 through 2024 to Asplundh Tree Experts of Willow Grove, PA in the amount of \$1,672,486.50. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

**3. Trench and Gutter Repair with N. Sacca and Sons for \$236,000.00**

*Motion was made to award the Bituminous Concrete Permanent Patching Trench and Gutter Repair contract for fiscal year 2022 to Sacca and Sons, Arlington, MA in the amount of \$236,000.00. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

**4. FY22 Cooperative Fuel Contracts:**

**a. Gasoline with Dennis K. Burke for \$114,279.00**

*Motion was made to award the cooperative fuel bid for gasoline for fiscal year 2022 to Dennis K. Burke of Taunton, MA for the amount of \$114,279.00. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

**b. Diesel with Brocco Oil for \$76,625.00**

*Motion was to award the cooperative fuel bid for diesel for fiscal year 2022 to Brocco Oil of Haverhill, MA for the amount of \$76,625.00. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

**c. Heating Oil with Peterson Oil for \$61,608.00**

*Motion was made to award the cooperative fuel bid for No. 2 fuel for fiscal year 2022 to Peterson Oil Service, Inc of Worcester, MA for amount of \$61,608.00. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

**Possible Next Steps DPW Fuel Tanks**

Garvin said based on conversations with various Town departments, the overall conclusion was that moving to a private fuel provider and drafting an RFP would not be advantageous. Inefficiency, cost control, budgeting and administrative costs are some of the concerns that factored into that conclusion.

Dash said they plan to set up forums for discussions about the tanks and information will be shared at the next Town Meeting.

Paolillo thinks that main issue is new tanks vs. outside contracting. The argument Garvin heard at Town Meeting was that the tanks should be removed and the Town should move to a private fuel provider.

Dash said we need to have the public forum before we make any decisions. The size of tanks, and above and below ground options can be discussed at the forum. Epstein said the memo summarizes the concerns and the Select Board is not taking a position yet.

The Select Board offered to take the lead on the Public Forum and the decision was made to hold it on August 3 at 7 pm. The Capital Budget Chair will be informed.

**Massport Community Advisory Committee (MCAC) Representative update and discussion of 33L flight path alternative proposal**

Myron Kassaraba, CAC member, explained that the community impact of Logan Airport noise levels has been around for 50 years. The Massachusetts Legislature created a permanent committee of 132 communities in Massachusetts called the Massport Community Advisory Committee (MCAC) to oversee the impact of the noise levels.

Kassaraba explained that in 2013 flight paths were changed to accommodate the change from radar based controller to GPS system. After this, there was public outcry and Belmont joined the advisory groups. In 2016, the flight paths were studied by Massport and alternative proposals were identified. In 2019, they came back with five proposals, but communities didn't approve options because of feasibility concerns. When the FAA studied the options, they said all options were unfeasible. In April, an MIT group presented an alternative. The new proposal creates a flight pattern branch that would move over Chelsea instead of Medford. Before 2013, there was much more dispersion in the flight patterns. He said they are still getting data from MIT and more information is forthcoming. Portions of Belmont are negatively impacted by the changing flight patterns. The analyses used, measured noise levels above 60 decibels. The proposal would lower the noise impact over Grove St and shift the other two paths to different parts of Belmont.

The early reports indicate that over 3,000 residents will experience greater noise levels in Belmont. The presentation tonight is for information purposes only. The Massport meeting is this Thursday on Zoom. Kassara said they are in communication with other communities. He feels that the proposals that are being presented are not dispersals, they are just moving tracks around to different areas and some parts of Belmont will be affected by lower and louder patterns. He expects there will be another public hearing that will be attended by the FAA before any final decisions are made.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS on Massport Community Advisory Committee discussion

Bill Trablacy commented that if one of the five options are used, then it lowers altitudes and that makes a difference in noise.

Phil Thayer said that electric planes in the future will be quieter.

The Select Board thanked Mr. Kassaraba for his work on the airplane noise issue.

#### Discussion and possible vote of rink funding, plan and possible new committee

Paolillo suggested a task force should be formed to discuss the issue of rink funding. He would like the task force to include members from the Select Board, Hockey Association and School Committee. Dash would like to see the group stay small, 5 or 7 members. Epstein thinks it is important for the task force to include members who are knowledgeable about finances and fund raising, so it may be a good idea to include residents who have expertise in the subject. The Board asked the Town Administrator to draft a charge for the committee and to bring it to the Board for approval.

#### Discussion and possible vote of BRAVE Work off program

Town Meeting passed the BRAVE Act and the next step is for the Select Board to design the Work Off program plan. The Board asked Robert Upton, Veteran's Service Officer, to research such a plan and then to report back to the Board with his findings. Mr. Upton thanked the Board for providing him the opportunity to become involved. He said he plans to involve the statewide agency of which he is a member. He also thinks he could glean ideas from nearby towns.

#### Create Solid Waste Working Group, discussion and possible vote of charge

Jay Marcotte reported that the last solid waste contract was voted on in 2017. He said the Town needs to get ready to develop a new contract because things are changing quickly in the recycling industry. He said if more organic processing facilities arise, then more opportunities for organic recycling will develop. Garvin put together a charge for a working group that would consist of eight volunteer residents appointed by the Select Board to provide help to the DPW in developing a new contract. This group would make recommendations to the Select Board.

*Motion was made to adopt the charge of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee. Motion was approved by vote of 3-0.*

#### Discussion and possible vote on remote participation in meetings

Dash said that tonight's meeting is the first hybrid meeting in the Town of Belmont. The State extended remote participation to April 1, 2022 to allow committees and boards to continue to meet remotely. Dash said we will need to buy new cameras in order for boards and committees to provide hybrid meetings.

Jeff Hansell said the new hybrid format will require training. He said Belmont Media plans to outfit every conference room in every building. Epstein asked if the \$60K grant that the Town received would cover all the costs of the new system. Hansell said the current demo is missing necessary pieces and Belmont Media would keep trying out different systems so he is not yet sure of what costs will be involved. Hansell noted that Belmont Media will also be able to add graphics to help the public better understand the proceedings once the new system is set up.

#### Discussion and possible vote on Massachusetts State Lottery offering a KENO monitor to existing KENO To Go agent; Ninety Three Food Mart, 1 Cushing Ave

Dash said that we cannot proceed on this matter without more information. Since the owners of the Ninety Three Food Mart are not in attendance tonight, the Board only has 21 days to respond to the request, and the Board's next meeting is not until July 12, Dash believes that the Select Board should object to the KENO monitor tonight.

*Motion was made to object to the issuance of a KENO monitor for Ninety Three Food Mart, Belmont MA. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

#### V. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

##### a. Committee Update

Garvin announced that Zoning Board of Appeals requested an extension until August 2 on the Beatrice Circle 40B application.

##### b. Town Administrator's Bulletin

Garvin has been working on a new Town Administrator Bulletin. The Bulletin will be updated monthly and posted online.

#### Committee Applications:



Jon Marshall said they are compiling Committee applications now and following up with applicants. They have also been doing outreach to Committee Chairs.

#### SELECT BOARD'S COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

- Financial Task Force II is meeting with the Warrant Committee this week to present draft recommendations.

#### Approval of Meeting Notes:


*Motion was made to approve the June 7, 2021 Select Board meeting minutes as amended. Motion was approved by vote of 3-0.*

*Motion was made to approve the June 9, 2021 Select Board meeting minutes. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.*

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

Next Select Board Meeting is July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,



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PATRICE GARVIN, Town Administrator

