

APPROVED BY

THE SELECT BOARD

June 13, 2022

Select Board Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2022

Remote Meeting

5:30 PM

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BELMONT, MA**

DATE: June 16, 2022

TIME: 2:50 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 Assistant and Town Administrator Jennifer Hewitt.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

[NONE.]

ACTION BY CONSENT

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 (Item continued from June 1, 2022)

Discussion on this agenda item was deferred for discussion until the Wednesday, June 8 Select Board meeting.

Discussion and possible vote on Select Board positions for Warrant Articles and Amendments for the ATM

Paolillo said that the Select Board needs to discuss their positions on Articles 8, 13 and 22.

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 8: Establish a Skating Rink and Playing Fields Building Committee

Garvin said that the discussion on Article 8 at a previous meeting called to focus the question about who will undertake the development of the West of Harris field. She has since discussed the issue with Town Counsel, George Hall, and displayed the changes made to the wording of the Article.

The wording of the revised Article amendment was changed to read that the rink will be built “in a location approved by the Select Board and School Committee” and “develop” was added to the design charge for the land West of Harris Field.

Dash and Epstein were satisfied that the revised Article eliminates the likelihood of debates about the location and that the charge of the new committee now includes the design, development (preparing construction designs), and cost estimates for the fields, but not project funding. Dash also stated the importance of getting input from the School Committee to direct the location of the rink. He stated that the funding for the fields will not be part of the debt exclusion.

Peg Callanan, Town Meeting member, pct. 7, said she has been concerned since Bill Lovallo from the High School Building Committee said they would be closing the books on the area West of Harris field. She believes that the field renovations have already been paid for by taxpayers though the debt exclusion for the Belmont Middle and High School.

Bob McGaw, pct.1, said he feels the language is not quite right yet and suggested some grammatical changes to the revised Article. The Select Board did not agree that the language change was necessary.

Town Counsel, George Hall, said Bob McGaw’s version is grammatically correct, but the meaning of the Article is fine without the changes.

Motion was made for favorable action on Article 8: Establish a Skating Rink and Playing Fields Building Committee as amended. Motion was approved by a vote 3-0.

Amendment to Article 8

Roger Wrubel submitted an amendment to Article 8 that purports to make rink design and construction compliant with the Town’s Sustainable Building Design policy. The Select Board members said new climate guidance in the Town already contains net zero energy consideration for all Town building projects. The Select Board members agreed they do not want to vote favorably on the amendment.

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

Article 13: Resolution Requiring Middle/High School Solar Funding (revisions submitted by Brian Iller)

Brian Iller joined the group and reported that he made changes to the title of the Article and two other small changes that were previously suggested by the Select Board. He displayed the changes to the resolution on the screen and Select Board members agreed that this version is more acceptable.

Epstein said he would abstain on the vote for Article 13 because: 1) he generally does not approve of non-binding resolutions, and; 2) he has become aware of potential changes to the solar panels funding and is now unsure if the project will be able to pay for itself.

Motion was made for favorable action on the revised Article 13: Resolution Requiring Middle/High School Solar Funding. Motion was approved by a vote of 2-1. [Epstein abstained.]

Article 22: FY23 Budget Appropriation and Authorization to Transfer Balances to Fund the FY23 Budget

Patrice Garvin reported there were changes to the budget numbers that needed to be approved: 1) free cash reserves amount was changed to reflect the approval of the \$649,000 transfer for the Fuel Tanks project, and; 2) the capital projects amount increased due to Turnbacks.

Motion was made for favorable action on Article 22: FY23 Budget Appropriation and Authorization to Transfer Balances to Fund the FY23 Budget. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Presentation of Small Business Working Capital Grant Program by the Co-Chairs of the Economic Development Committee

This agenda item will be deferred until the Wednesday, June 8, 2022 Select Board meeting.

Next Meetings:

a. Potential Topics:

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

b. Next Meeting Dates:

- (1) Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – 5:30 PM – Pre-ATM Meeting
- (2) Monday, June 13, 2022 – 5:30 PM – Pre-ATM Meeting
- (3) Monday, June 27, 2022 – 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

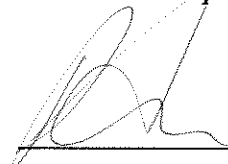
Motion was made to recess to Town Meeting. Motion was approved by a vote 3-0.

Submitted by

Virginia Quinn

Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,



Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator