

- **MINUTES**
- **TOWN OF BELMONT**
- **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
- **PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE ROOM**
- **BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL**
- **Monday, April 26, 2010**
- **6:00 PM**
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- **CALL TO ORDER**

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- A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 6:00 pm by Chair Jones in the Principal's Conference Room at Belmont High School. All of the Selectmen were present. Town Administrator Tom Younger was not present. Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti was present. Town Counsel Darren Klein was also present.

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- **QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

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- [There were none.]

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- **ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

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- **Budget Discussion**

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- The Board moved: To support the transfer of \$300,000 from the FY11 Town budget to support the FY11 school operating budget, with \$200,000 to come from the capital budget and \$100,000 to come from public safety overtime and other operating accounts.

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- Motion passed 2-1 (Jones and Paolillo aye, Firenze nay.)

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- The Warrant Committee has requested that the Town outline cuts it would make if an additional \$370,000 is transferred to the school budget. There was discussion. Mr. Younger, Mr. Conti, and Town Accountant Barbara Hagg will prepare a list for the Selectmen to review.

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- Selectman Paolillo presented data from Town Treasurer Floyd Carman showing the financial impact of overrides at \$1 million increments on the average homeowner. A \$2 million override would result in a total tax increase of 8.4% Chair Jones said it would be unwise for the Board to request any override amount that would result in a double-digit (10% or higher) tax increase.

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- Selectman Paolillo said he is prepared to support an override for \$2 to \$2.25 million split among the Town's operating, capital, and school budgets, with about \$1 million to go to the schools, \$400,000 to the Town and \$600,000 to capital.

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- Selectman Firenze said he supports giving the people the opportunity to vote on an override but that he will not support any override.
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- The Board agreed that any override question will be presented as one all-or-nothing option with no tiers or menu for voters to choose from. The Board will vote on May 3 on placing an override question before the voters.
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- **Vote on Warrant Articles**
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- The Board moved: To recommend favorable action on Articles 11, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Article 27 as revised; and to recommend unfavorable action on Articles 15, 16, 17, and 18.
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- Motion passed unanimously (3-0).
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- The Board took no action on Articles 19 and 20.
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- **ACTION BY WRITING**
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- **Proclamations**
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- The Board signed proclamations to be presented at Town Meeting.
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- **Cell Tower Lease Agreement**
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- The Board signed an agreement extending and expanding the lease on the cell tower on the roof of the police station. The revised agreement will mean additional revenue for the Town.
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- The Board recessed at 7:15 PM until the beginning of Town Meeting in the high school auditorium.
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- The Board reconvened for Town Meeting in the auditorium at 7:45 PM.
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- The Board recessed at 10:40 PM until the continuation of Town Meeting on Wednesday, April 28.
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- The Board reconvened at 7:28 PM on Wednesday, April 28 for the continuation of Town Meeting.
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- The Board moved: To sign a proclamation for Sustainable Belmont.
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- Motion passed unanimously (3-0). Selectman Paolillo will read the proclamation at Town meeting. Selectman Firenze said in the future no proclamations should be read at Town meeting unless they have first been discussed at a Selectmen's meeting. It was agreed that the Board will have a more in-depth discussion on proclamations at a future meeting.

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- The Board adjourned at the conclusion of Town Meeting at 10:50 PM.

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