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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Beech Street Center  
Monday, September 12, 2016  
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APPROVED  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DATE: 1-23-17

### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 5:41 p.m. by Chair Mark Paolillo at the Beech Street Center. Selectmen Sami Baghdady and Jim Williams were present. Town Administrator David Kale was present; Assistant Town Administrator Phyllis Marshall was not present.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the agenda and noted that the League of Women Voters meeting (concerning Minuteman) would follow the Board meeting.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On Wednesday, September 28 at 8:00 a.m. (near the Oakley Country Club) the Mass DOT will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the completion of the Trapelo Road project.
- On Wednesday, September 21 from 6-9 p.m., there will be a Community Path Advisory Committee kick-off meeting (at the CMS) to begin the process of receiving information from the public and to continue the process of exploring community path options.
- On Saturday, September 24 from 5-8 p.m. is the *Welcome to the New Belmont Center* event to celebrate the completion of the Center project.
- The "New PQ Park" meeting will be held on Wed. evening September 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Butler School Auditorium.
- The Minuteman Debt Vote will take place on Tuesday, September 20 from noon to 8 p.m. at all of Belmont's polling places.
- Christopher Diozze, 31-years-old, a Belmont resident, passed away recently. He drowned on the Cape. Chris was an outstanding athlete at Belmont High School.

### QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

[There were none.]

### ACTION BY CONSENT

#### **Presentation of Age Friendly Community Public Forum Report by Council on Aging (COA) Director Nava Niv-Vogel**

Ms. Nava Niv-Vogel, COA Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the Age Friendly Community Public Forum report. Ms. Niv-Vogel explained that this project concerns helping senior citizens to age well. She reviewed the eight domains to aging well. She explained that the initiative has been a great impetus to further address the needs of senior citizens in Belmont. The

COA has received two mini-grants to help compile information on the needs of seniors. She reviewed some of the data that has been collected. Belmont has both strengths (friendly community, close to the city, etc.) and weaknesses (high cost of living, not enough housing options, a lack of benches, a lack of sidewalks, and a lack of call boxes, etc.) for older citizens.

She said she would like to put together focus groups to learn more about what would enhance life here in Belmont for senior residents. The COA will seek the funding to create the focus groups. Ultimately, Belmont will apply to be a member of the Age Friendly Community network.

The Board expressed its support for this initiative and discussed ways in which Belmont could move forward with this initiative.

Ms. Niv-Vogel noted that PACE is coming to Belmont. This is a program intended to help seniors bundle their health care insurance. She then thanked the SHINE program, which provides health insurance counseling for seniors.

Chair Paolillo requested that Ms. Niv-Vogel keep the Board informed of its efforts in this area. The Board thanked her for her work on this initiative and at the COA.

#### **Approval of Joint Public Safety Dispatchers IAFF Local 1637 Contract**

Police Chief McLaughlin appeared before the Board to discuss the Joint Public Safety Dispatchers IAFF Local 1637 Contract. The Chief summarized the highlights of the new agreement, e.g., the 8.8% increase over three years, a 2% COLA increase, the master dispatcher rate increase, the health insurance contribution rate change, drug/alcohol testing, and the longevity clause.

Selectman Williams noted that the Board has been working with both Ms. Porter, Human Resource Director, and the Chief, for many weeks to hammer out this contract. The Board discussed some of the factors that took a while to work through.

*The Board moved:* To approve the Joint Public Safety Dispatchers IAFF Local 1637 Contract for the term ending June 30, 2017.  
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

#### **Discussion and Vote on the Minuteman Debt Ballot Question**

Chair Paolillo noted that the Board has been in discussion concerning this issue for many months. Selectman Baghdady summarized the main reasons for Belmont to Vote No on the Minuteman Debt: the proposed new school is roughly twice the size of the member-town students, and it will cost less to send our students to Minuteman as a non member-town. Selectman Williams agreed that it makes more sense to vote No and then let the Town Meeting vote occur concerning exiting the district. Chair Paolillo added that the building project is flawed. The size is double what is needed for the district. Also, it is unclear whether the non-member towns will contribute toward the capital at all.

*The Board moved:* To recommend to the voters that they vote No (to not approve) the ballot question concerning the funding of the new Minuteman building project. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board thanked Mr. Jack Weis, Ms. Pat Bruschi, Mr. Bob McLaughlin, Mr. Michael Libenson, and Mr. Kale for all of their work on the Minuteman issue.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

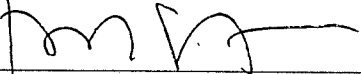
Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- **CPA Applications:** These are due at the end of September. The application can be found on the web page.
- **Community Appointments:** The Board will continue with appointments at its meeting on September 19, 2016.
- **Cushing Village:** More information will be forthcoming this week.
- **Chenery Middle School Modular Units:** Selectman Williams asked when they would be delivered? Mr. Kale said they ~~will be~~ are scheduled to be installed before the winter break.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Friday, September 16, 2016 8:15 a.m. Executive Session  
Monday, September 19, 2016 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Homer Art Gallery  
Friday, September 30, 2016 8:15 a.m. to call the Special Town Meeting for 10/19/16

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

  
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Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator