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**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SMALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

A pre-Special Town Meeting (STM) meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Mark Paolillo in the Small Community Room. Selectmen Sami Baghdady and Jim Williams were present. Town Administrator David Kale was present; Assistant Town Administrator Phyllis Marshall was not present.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Recycling Day** is Saturday, October 21 from 9-1 at the Town Yard

QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

[There were none.]

ACTION BY CONSENT

**Vote: Special Town Meeting Warrant – October 19, 2016 at the Chenery Middle School
(Withdrawal from Minuteman Regional Vocational School)**

Chair Paolillo stated that he and Mr. Kale attended a meeting recently with several other Minuteman member communities, their Selectmen, and their Town Managers. Several members in attendance spoke and admitted that this is not a perfect building project and that they hope to persuade Belmont to remain in the district. Chair Paolillo informed the others attending that he has never supported this building project, because of the size of the proposed building, given the number of member students who attend. He summarized the recent vote in Belmont and added that Belmont feels it has no choice but to leave the district and that Belmont does not leave lightly.

Mr. Kale added that MSBA may reduce its reimbursement on the new building project if alternative partnerships with private entities are executed which have a financial benefit to Minuteman. Also, member towns are on the hook for the debt as well as for the operating cost. Chair Paolillo agreed that the member towns will indeed bear the burden of the capital debt and the operating budget.

The Board discussed issues relating to Minuteman, e.g., MSBA, DESE, the ramifications of withdrawing from the district, the ramifications of remaining in the district, access to Minuteman, alternative educational options, the 30-year variable costs of the debt, etc.

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Superintendent Phelan joined the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Chair Paolillo noted that Belmont has spent years trying to work with Minuteman on the building project and other issues relating to the membership agreement.

Superintendent Phelan explained some data relating to students with IEPs (SPED).

The Board moved: Favorable action on Article 1. (Withdrawal from the district.)
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Kale reported on the following items:

- **BHS Building Committee Update:** There is a letter (intended for the MSBA) that will certify an enrollment number of 1470. The letter may contain other options that could be explored in the feasibility study phase, e.g., grade configurations 9-12, 8-12, 7-12. Mr. Kale explained why the 7-12 option is desirable. Superintendent Phelan explained that the 1470 is the design enrollment, but that teaching stations and programs (music, art, wellness) will add to the building capacity. The foundational number is 1470, but it is not the end number. Selectman Baghdady added that MSBA will not support a library or a separate Pre-K building. Superintendent Phelan then spoke to the next phase of the BHS building project, which will involve the hiring of an OPM and an architect. He noted that some communities enroll an educational facilitator; Belmont is looking to hire Mr. Locker, who will guide Belmont through the next phase of the process.

The Board discussed issues relating to the new high school building project.

The Board moved: To approve that the Chair of the Board of Selectmen sign the MSBA enrollment certification letter.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

- **Retirement Board:** There is a draft study exploring several funding schedules. The Retirement Board will need to submit the revised actuarial report to PERAC. They would like to meet with the Board and Warrant Committee to discuss the report. The meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 7, at 8:00 a.m. Selectman Williams spoke to the Water and Light Departments' funding schedules, the projection model, a potential override, and other issues relating to the funding schedule. The Board discussed that this meeting will be a joint meeting with the Warrant Committee to discuss these issues with the Retirement Board. However, the Retirement Board, it was noted, sets the funding schedule.
- **Agenda 10/24:** Monday's Board meeting agenda was briefly discussed.
- **Belmont Business Center:** The new parking configurations, loading zones, permit parking within the Claflin Street Parking Lot, and metering stations were discussed.

Other

BMC Show: Selectman Williams raised a concern about a BMC show where town issues are being discussed by the Chair of the Energy Committee.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room Town Hall

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Kale", written above a horizontal line.

Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator