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TOWN OF BELMONT
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
Town Hall Conference Room 4
Thursday, April 13, 2017
8:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Capital Budget Committee (CBC) was called to order at 8:14 a.m. by Chair Anne Marie Mahoney.

Members Present: Chair Mahoney, M. Patricia Brusch, Mark Paolillo (BOS), Raffi Manjikian (PB), and Rebecca Vose

Phyllis Marshall, Interim Town Administrator (arrived at 9:16)

Members Absent: Susan. Burgess-Cox (SC) and Jenny Fallon (WC)

Chair Mahoney began by reviewing the agenda.

She turned to a review of the Fire Stations' repairs, which may cost more money (\$288,974) than anticipated. Additional funding may be requested from the CBC next year. This topic was explored, e.g., the scope of the project, the policy on what to do if bids exceed the budgeted amount, and the role of the Fire Station Building Committee (Messrs. McLaughlin and Webster).

Vote on CPA Proposed Projects

1. Grove Street Tennis Courts – \$336,000

Ms. Brusch moved: To approve this project.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Redevelopment of Sherman Gardens – \$173,200

This falls under the Affordable Housing category and is for a feasibility plan.

Ms. Brusch moved: To approve this project.
The motion passed unanimously.

3. Sons of Italy Historical Artifacts Preservation – \$24,125

This project falls under Historic Preservation and this proposal is to preserve records and artifacts.

Ms. Brusch moved: To approve this project.
The motion passed unanimously.

4. Grove Street Park/Intergenerational Walking Path – \$35,000

This is for a site plan. Ms. Brusch raised a concern about overall plan. The intent is that the town will not pay for the path.

Ms. Brusch moved: To approve this project.
The motion passed unanimously.

5. PQ Playground Revitalization Project – \$615,000

This proposal is to upgrade the playground, having done the study last year. This project will be done with CPA funds only.

Ms. Brusch moved: To approve this project.
The motion passed unanimously.

Straw Poll on Capital Budget Requests

Chair Mahoney reviewed the requests line by line and asked for a show of hands concerning support.

The CBC also discussed the general process for the Capital Requests this year. Concerns were raised about the process; Selectman Paolillo agreed with the concerns raised by the CBC. It was determined that the CBC will need to set a new direction and will need to redefine the process for the FY19 requests with the new Town Administrator and with the Board of Selectmen.

The straw poll continued, though the CBC did pause to discuss the Net Clock System. Also discussed was the Library's request for study space as well as lighting upgrades. The CBC agreed that a broader discussion about the potential new Library and the Library's more imminent needs should occur.

Ms. Marshall joined the meeting at this point. The CBC apprised her of the FY18 CBC process conversation.

The CBC returned to the Library's requests, Mrs. Brusch stated that the "crack fill seal" request should fall under maintenance. Selectman Paolillo spoke to the Library's fundraising initiatives.

The CBC will meet with the Library representatives to review these requests.

Next reviewed were the Fire Department's requests. The oil spill cleanup trailer did not receive support.

Setting of Future Meeting Dates

Friday, April 28 at 8:30 – finish the straw poll, meet with Library, Articles on TM
Thursday, May 4

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 6, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Adjournment

The CBC moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Vose, Secretary