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BELMONT WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FINAL
MAY 3, 2017, 6:30 P.M.
BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Present: Chair Epstein; Members Alcock, Crowley, Gammill, Helgen, Libenson, Lisanke, Lubien, McLaughlin, Schreiber, Slap, School Committee Chair Fiore

Members Absent: Fallon, Mennis, BOS Chair Williams

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Chair Epstein.

Reconsideration of Warrant Committee Vote on ATM Article 9

Chair Epstein moved: That the Warrant committee reconsider its vote, taken on April 26th, on Article 9, the “pay as you throw” warrant article.

The Warrant Committee discussed the motion to reconsider. Chair Epstein recognized that there were still many unanswered questions about the implications of the Article and that he wanted to give the Committee a chance to deliberate further on that. Member McLaughlin stated that the Board of Selectmen already have the full authority to consider the “pay-as-you-throw” proposal motivating the Article, regardless of how Town Meeting acts on the Article. The members continued to discuss what would be an appropriate response by the Board of Selectmen to a favorable (or unfavorable) action by the Town Meeting.

Through its discussion the Warrant Committee determined that if its April 26th vote in favor of Article 9 were to stand, then the Chair should provide Town Meeting with an explanation when reporting the vote. The following is representative of the explanatory language discussed by the Committee:

“The Warrant Committee position is that the Board of Selectmen should be able to consider all available options for waste disposal while also giving due consideration to the 1990 override vote. The Warrant Committee considers the language of Article 9 as compatible with this position. The Warrant Committee voted unanimously to recommend favorable action on Article 9, with one abstention.”

The Committee voted unanimously against the motion to reconsider.

Amendments to Articles 1 and 2 of the Special Town Meeting

Chair Epstein asked for discussion of the amendments submitted by Town Meeting Member Tommasina Olson. Member Lubien disclosed that his wife will address the Special Town Meeting as part of Town Meeting Member Olson’s presentation on the

amendments. Member Lubien distributed a portion of that presentation and spoke to the issues at hand, describing the amendments as more supportive of existing local businesses than the main motions.

Member Libenson moved: Favorable action on the amendment to Special Town Meeting Article 1.
The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

Member Libenson moved: Favorable action on the amendment to Special Town Meeting Article 2.
The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

Adjournment

Member McLaughlin moved to end the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jim Gammill
WC Secretary