

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SMALL COMMUNITY ROOM/AUDITORIUM – CHENERY SCHOOL  
Monday, May 3, 2010  
6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 6:07 pm by Chair Jones in the Small Community Room at the Chenery Middle School. Selectmen Paolillo and Firenze were present. Town Administrator Tom Younger and Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti were also present. Noticing a substantial number of audience members, Chair Jones recessed the meeting and reconvened in the Auditorium to better accommodate them.

**Proclamations.** Chair Jones read a proclamation signed by the Selectmen in recognition of the Armenian Genocide. A member of Belmont’s Armenian community, Jirair Hovsepian, read a prepared speech. Resident Tony Oberdorfer then commented that a political speech was not appropriate for a Selectmen’s meeting.

Selectman Paolillo read a proclamation designating National Public Works Week from May 16-22.

**Water Bond Authorization.** Treasurer Floyd Carman requested approval of a water bond. Town Meeting in 2007 approved a \$3.6 million interest-free loan agreement to improve the Town’s water pipes. This is the third installment totaling \$988,000.

The Board moved: To approve the water bond.

Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Beech Street Center Dumpster.** When the Center was built no provision was made for a dumpster – trash is being stored on-site. However, since it opened there has been greater use of the kitchen than originally anticipated, creating a problem with food trash storage. Various options for addressing the problem are being considered. Raffi Manjikian asked if Springwell, which provides meal service at the Center, is required under their contract with the Town to take care of the trash from their meals. Selectman Firenze said the contract does not contain such a requirement. Mr. Younger will report back to the Board with an update at the next meeting on May 17.

**Override/Budget Discussion.** The Board discussed a proposal by Selectman Paolillo to place an override question on the ballot in the amount of \$2 million. Of that amount, \$1 million would go to the schools, \$600,000 to the capital budget and \$400,000 to the Town budget. Selectman Paolillo said that the average additional tax burden for the average single family home valued at \$750,000 would be \$288. The total additional tax

burden including the normal 2 ½ % increase and the Wellington School component would be 8.4%. There was discussion.

Chair Jones moved: That the Board of Selectmen shall place a ballot question before the voters at a Special Election on June 14, 2010, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (g), as follows:

~"Shall the Town of Belmont be allowed to assess an additional \$2,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding \$1,000,000 for operating expenditures of the Belmont Public Schools, \$600,000 for capital expenditures and \$400,000 for operating expenditures of the Town of Belmont for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and ten?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_"

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**Metropolitan Planning Organization.** Mr. Younger recommended that the Board support the candidacy of Somerville Mayor Curtatone as the regional representative on the MPO.

The Board moved: To cast its vote for Somerville Mayor Curtatone for MPO representative.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

It was noted that there is a second position to be filled and only one candidate, a Selectman from Framingham.

The Board moved: To cast its vote for the Selectman from Framingham for MPO representative.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**Public Hearing – 460 Concord Avenue Underground Tanks.** Building Services Manager Kevin Looney explained that the current underground tank at the police station was installed in 1999 as a replacement, but the tank license was never properly amended. This hearing corrects the oversight.

The Board moved: To retroactively approve the tank installation at 460 Concord Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**Town Administrator's Report.** Mr. Younger reported on the following items:

- In recognition of the boil water order in effect, the Town will be distributing free bottled water at the DPW yard tomorrow from 6 to 8 PM for Town residents only. A similar distribution yesterday went very well.

- The Town's health insurance trust fund balance is now \$4.3 million as of April 30, continuing its increase.
- The Library Trustees will be seeking a reserve fund transfer from the Warrant Committee for emergency lighting.

The Board moved: To recommend approval of the request.

Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

- The Board will decide whether or not to issue an RFP for Town Counsel services at its next meeting on May 17.

At 7:15 PM the Board recessed until the beginning of Town Meeting.

## **TOWN MEETING**

The Board returned to session for Town Meeting at 7:30 PM.

The Board moved: To recommend unfavorable action on reconsideration of Article 15.

Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

The Board adjourned at 8:42 PM.