

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN – BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL (BHS)
SMALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Monday, May 6, 2013
6:00 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 6:07 pm by Chair Paolillo in the Small Community Room (aka Principal's Conference Room) of Belmont High School. Vice Chair Rojas and Selectmen Jones was present. Town Administrator David Kale was not present. Assistant Town Administrator Kellie Hebert was present.

1. Departmental Equipment/Vehicles Maximum Useful Life:

Mr. Floyd Carman, Town Treasurer, has requested that the Board vote on a policy that would allow for the bonding of authorized department equipment and vehicles based on a ten-year (10) year useful life period. Under Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting, Town Meeting will vote to borrow \$1.4 Million for capital purchases approved by the Capital Budget Committee. With the Board's approval, this policy ensures that the bond can be financed based on a 10 year useful life period for the equipment and vehicles.

The Board moved: To approve the policy on Departmental Equipment/Vehicles Maximum Useful Life to allow for a ten-year useful life on equipment and vehicles. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

2. Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles & Amendments:

A. Article 31- Zoning By-Laws: Religious & Municipal Building Preservation

Planning Board Chair Sami Baghdady was present to address the Board and to questions regarding a proposed amendment to Article 31, Religious & Municipal Building Preservation. The amendment was filed by Town Meeting Member Judith Feins, Precinct 5 and distributed on May 2, 2013. The Board discussed the proposal and did not recommend favorable action.

The Board moved: To recommend unfavorable action on the proposed amendment to Article 31 Religious & Municipal Building Preservation on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

B. Amendments to Article 23 Stormwater By-Law

The Board discussed the recent proposed changes and amendments filed on the proposed Stormwater Management and Erosion Control By-Law, Article 23 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. First, the By-Law Review Committee submitted some non-substantive changes to

wording and form which are acceptable to the Board.

The Board moved: To recommend favorable action on the By-Law Review Committee's amendment as distributed on April 26th.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. McGaw's most recent amendment (distributed May 2nd) would double the minimum threshold to 5,000 square feet from the 2,500 square feet proposed in the by-law. Selectman Jones explained that this issue was discussed at length during the course of the meetings to draft the by-law. He, and the Director of Community Development, is not in favor of reducing the threshold to 2,500 square feet since it would significantly diminish the positive impact and intent of the by-law on the Town's stormwater management efforts.

The Board moved: To recommend unfavorable action on the amendment filed by Mr. McGaw as distributed on May 2nd.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Ralph Jones, Precinct 2 filed an amendment to add the word "excess" to the by-law and to strengthen the language.

The Board moved: To recommend favorable action on the amendment filed by Mr. Jones as distributed on April 26th.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

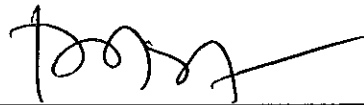
C. Amendments to Article 28 Underwood Pool and Playground Building Committee

The Board discussed the proposed 2nd amendment to be filed by the Board and distributed on May 2nd regarding the Underwood Pool and Playground Building Committee. The Board proposes to change some of the wording in the initial draft language issued under Warrant Article 28.

The Board moved: To recommend favorable action on the Board of Selectmen's second amendment to Article 28 as distributed on May 2nd.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.



Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator