

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town Hall Auditorium
Monday, July 2, 2012
7:00 PM**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:03 pm by Chair Paolillo in the Town Hall Auditorium. Selectmen Jones and Rojas were present. Interim Town Administrator Kellie Hebert was present.

Chair Paolillo reviewed the evening's agenda. He noted that the Board is committed to listening to all concerns as they relate to the Underwood Pool.

II. QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS

[There were none.]

Underwood Pool Planning

Dr. David Alper, Chair Belmont Board of Public Health, Mr. Stefan Russakow, Health Director, Mr. Peter Castanino, DPW Director appeared before the Board to discuss the Underwood Pool.

Mr. Castanino reviewed an updated memo (originally sent in 2007) regarding the issues facing the Underwood Pool. He reviewed the history of the pool, beginning with the 1912 land transfer. He noted that the Pool and bathhouse were re-built in the 1930s. Major recent improvements include a resurfacing of the pool bottom, water distribution service, and handicap access. He noted two studies that reported out on the issues facing the Pool's including the water table, the water circulation piping, the filtering system, to increase water depth under diving board, to add additional shower facilities, to add hot water, and to provide a first-aid area. The bathhouse remained a concern in both studies. Mr. Castanino explained the water table challenges (ground water pushing up on the pool water). The bottom of the pool is not water tight and it leaks out into the ground water and off-season, the ground water leaks into the pool.

Mr. Castanino reviewed the general staff concerns, which mirror the study concerns. He then explained how the pool's surface is repaired each season. He mentioned the Capital funding requests for the pool.

Mr. Castanino said that there will be a failure at some point which will necessitate closing the pool for the season. He said he would like to plan (long-term) for the pool. He said if the pool was replaced, it would need to go to higher ground e.g. up the hill. But a professional study will need to be done.

Selectman Rojas said that the pool has been a topic of discussion for a long, long time. He said

the diving board issue is a minor indicator of what could happen. Selectman Jones asked about how the water quality is maintained.

Chair Paolillo said that there are a lot of capital needs across town, but that this needs to be a priority.

Mr. Russakow spoke to the pool inspection as well as the diving board issue. He said the pool water level and pool shape is a concern. He said there is a concern that someone will get hurt by diving out toward the shallow section of the bowl. He said the most current regulations are from 1998 and those are the ones that need to be enforced. He spoke to the regulations and standards that the Pool does not meet. He said there is no recommendation to allow diving with the current board. Regarding adding additional water, Mr. Castanino said that keeping the pool too high leads to overflow problems. He added that keeping the water high consistently is difficult.

Dr. Alper said that the board was in violation of state code and that is why the board was pulled. The Board of Health will not take a chance regarding safety, he stressed. There is a lot of labor that goes into keeping this pool running. The Board of Health is looking to see what can be done. He said, in answer to Chair Paolillo's question, that he is also concerned with jumping into eight feet of water.

Mr. Karl Ivester, lifelong resident of Belmont, asked about the grandfathering of the 1988 code. He asked what the water level was today? Mr. Castanino said that the depth is visually checked. Dr. Alper said that Belmont is counting on the state guidelines. Mr. Ivester said that the diving board has never caused an injury.

Mr. Russakow said that the 1998 code is the one used for inspection.

Ms. Marucci said that she is grateful that the town is paying attention to this issue. She said there is a concern that this decision seems sudden. She said it seems reasonable to keep the pool safe.

Dr. Alper said a better job could have been done in delivering information on the Board. Chair Paolillo said that the passes will be refunded over the next two to three weeks.

Ms. Lisa Serini, stated that she has been using the Pool all her life. She asked if there was a quick fix regarding the water level. She then asked if the CPA funding could be used to fix the pool. Chair Paolillo said that CPA funds could be used, but that the CPA committee would make recommendations to Town Meeting. He noted that there would be other funding sources that might become available. Mr. Castanino said that there is no cheap/quick fix to halt the leaking. He said there are so many issues to address and then it becomes a question of how much the town wants to invest.

Chair Paolillo said that he wants to put funding into a new structure i.e. a replacement pool. Selectman Jones asked about repair fees versus replacing the pool. He added that the HDC would like to be involved.

Mr. PJ Looney, School Street, asked if the state discriminate between diving and jumping? Dr. Alper said this could be looked into. He then asked about a slide? Mr. Russakow said the slide restrictions are more prohibitive than diving boards. This will be looked at as well. Mr. Looney noted that this is a right of passage for the kids and that there has to be something else to add to the pool.

Mr. Russo said that these issues have been foretold e.g. Butler playground, pool. He asked the Board to act proactively, and not reactively.

Selectman Jones took a moment to highlight "Partners in Play". He said it is the appropriate direction.

Ms. Schneider, of "Partner's in Play", said that the problems have been well known and that perhaps some benefit could come of it. She suggested jumping off the platform as a possibility. She said there is a population that will no longer be interested in the pool. Regarding communications, she noted that the Recreation Department could have been a communication channel.

Mr. Larry Coccoheran, lifelong resident of Belmont, asked about cut feet versus a diving injury as well as bacteria levels. Alper said the consequences of a diving injury are more serious than a cut foot. Mr. Coccoheran asked if the state had inspected the pool recently.

Chair Paolillo said that the Board will follow up on some of the issues raised tonight.

The Board took a three-minute break.

III. ACTION BY APPOINTMENT

Vote and Sign the Warrant for the September 6, 2012 State Primary Election

Chair Paolillo said that the Warrant can be signed even if the Town Clerk is not present.

The Board moved: To approve the September 6, 2012 State Primary Election Warrant. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board signed the Warrant.

New Common Victualler's License – Café Burrito – 374 Trapelo Road

Chair Paolillo noted that the certificate of occupancy has not been signed, but they would approve the request contingent upon receiving the certificate of occupancy.

Mr. Jim Bramante, Belmont Cinema owner, appeared before the Board to discuss Café Burrito. He said there will be morning food (tea and pastries) and in the afternoon it will be a burrito café.

The Board moved: To approve the license as requested above contingent upon the

certificate of occupancy.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

New Common Victualler's License – The Sweet Peach, 628 Trapelo Road

Ms. Ellen Carter and Mr. Joe appeared before the Board to discuss The Sweet Peach. She said the restaurant has been completely renovated. She said the certificate of occupancy is close at hand. She said the restaurant will serve breakfast and lunch. She said it will be classic diner food as well as classic southern food.

The Board moved: To approve the license as requested above contingent upon the certificate of occupancy.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Planning Board Report

Chair Paolillo said the memo from the PB Chair is fairly straight-forward. Selectman Rojas provided a brief overview of the Cushing Village project. He said he has been in contact with Chair Baghdady noting that the vacancy to the PB would best be filled sooner rather than later.

Chair Paolillo said that he hopes to appoint to the PB on July 16.

Re-Appointments to Statutory Committees

Belmont Energy Committee (3)

The Board moved: To re-appoint Mr. Glenn Clancy, Mr. Fred Domenici and Mr. Andrew Healy to the Belmont Energy Committee
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Community Preservation Act Committee (3)

Chair Paolillo

The Board moved: To re-appoint Paul Solomon, Margaret, a to the CPA Committee.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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Chair Paolillo

The Board moved: To appoint xx to the xx.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Conservation Commission (ConCom) (2)

Chair Paolillo

The Board moved: To re-appoint Mr. Tino Lichauco and Mr. David Webster to the ConCom.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Council on Aging (1)

Selectman Jones requested that the Board \do this on the 16th.

The Board moved: To appoint xx to the COA.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Education Scholarship Committee (2)

Chair Paolillo

The Board moved: To re-appoint Firenze and Sullivan to the Education Scholarship Committee.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Historic District Commission HDC (1)

Jones – hold until 16th.

Permanent Audit Committee (2)

Chair Paolillo

The Board moved: To reappoint Mr. Fay and Caruso to the Permanent audit.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Planning Board (1)

Chair Paolillo

The Board moved: To re-appoint Chair Baghdady to the PB.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Registrar of Voters (1)

Chair Paolillo

The Board moved: To appoint Mr. Bill Hofmann to the Registrar of Voters.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Shade Tree Commission (2)

Selectman Jones said this should be handled on July 16.

Water Advisory Board (1)

The Board moved: To appoint Mr. Joe Barrell, Jr. to the Water Advisory Board.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) (2)

Chair Paolillo reviewed the memberships of the ZBA.

The Board moved: To re-appoint Mr. Smith, Mr. Chin and Mr. White to the ZBA.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Hebert reported on the following items:

- She is working with Glen Castro on updating the committee handbook and working on vacancies

V. ACTION BY CONSENT

Minutes Approval: June 11, 2012

The Board moved: To approve the minutes of 6/11/12.
The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

V. ACTION BY WRITING

Traffic Agreement for the Trapelo Road Improvements

Chair Paolillo noted that this will be discussed in the future.

VI. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

Minuteman:

Selectman Jones said that the Board, having received Carlisle's letter, should meet again to discuss the pension issue at Minuteman. The Board discussed responding to this issue. Chair Paolillo said he will draft a response to the letter. Selectman Jones said what he was proposing is tantamount to "pension spiking". Selectman Jones suggested scheduling a Minuteman meeting

with the Warrant Committee, the Capital Budget Committee and the Board of Selectman.

The Board will follow up on the possibility of jumping from the platform. Selectman Rojas said that the Board could meet sooner, as well, if need be. He added that long range planning for this facility should be dealt with as well.

The Board then briefly discussed the new Library/field plan.

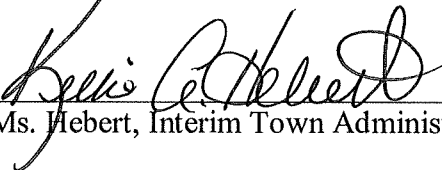
Chair Paolillo asked about the progress of the Woodfall Road RFP. Ms. Hebert gave a brief update.

Regarding the incinerator site, Chair Paolillo said the next step is to meet with DCAM to settle title issue.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday, July 16, 2012
Monday, August 13, 2012
Monday August 27, 2012

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.



Ms. Hebert, Interim Town Administrator