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Town of Belmont Warrant Committee General Government Subcommittee

Minutes: Warrant Committee General Government Subcommittee Meeting

March 26, 2014 Chenery Community Room Chenery Middle School, 95 Washington Street, Belmont, MA

Present: Adam Dash (chair), Jim Gammill, Roy Epstein, Jenny Fallon, Sami Baghdady

(arrived at 7:07pm)

Not present: Liz Allison

Town Administrator David Kale arrived at 7:20pm

Called to order at 7:00 pm

I. Approval of minutes

MOVED approval of November 20, 2013 minutes by Member Gammill. Member Epstein second. Motion carries 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention

II. Review and discussion of department head meetings

Member Gammill-Ideally, Information Technology training would be in the budget for each department being served. IT is moving more things to the cloud rather than buying servers.

Member Fallon-Human Resources wants a new professional staff person, as the need is getting more urgent.

Member Dash-Town Administrator rentals are up, focus on a strategic plan is being made, and the non-union compensation study is almost done.

Member Gammill-The Town Clerk's salary is up 4% to move her up steps.

Member Baghdady-There is a typo regarding the number of FTE's in the Assessors report as provided to the Warrant Committee. It will be corrected in the Subcommittee's report.

III. Review and discussion of the first draft of the Subcommittee's section of the Warrant Committee report

The Subcommittee reviewed the draft report. A few typos were found and corrected.

Member Gammill suggested that the Town Clerk could use a new website engine to do more online. A new website is coming soon.

The sense of the Subcommittee is to leave the report in draft form for now and see whether David Kale or department heads have any comments. David Kale says that he has a few comments and will provide them.

IV. Adjournment

MOVED to adjourn by Member Gammill. Member Epstein second. Motion carries 5 yes, 0 no.

Adjourned at 7:23pm

Submitted by Adam Dash, General Government Subcommittee Chair