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**BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

October 19, 2018

**Town Hall, Board of Selectmen's meeting room
7:30 AM**

Meeting #55

Committee Members Attending:

Chair Lovallo; Members Mike McAllister, Tom Caputo, Bob McLaughlin, Joel Mooney, Chris Messer, Emma Thurston, Patrice Garvin

From Daedalus: Tom Gatzunis, Shane Nolan

BHSBC Members Absent: Jamie Shea, Lisa Fiore, Steve Dorrance, Joe DeStefano, John Phelan, Pat Bruschi, and Diane Miller

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. by Chair Lovallo.

Belmont citizen in attendance: Ms. Anne Paulsen

II. Traffic Working Group (TWG) Update

Chair Lovallo noted that the Traffic Working Group is meeting regularly. He asked that BHSBC members review the memorandum draft dated 10/17/18.

General Comments:

All committee members were in favor of town committees and agencies working together to find the right traffic plan for Belmont. It was acknowledged by all committee members that no *one* solution is going to solve the many traffic issues the town faces. Chair Lovallo noted that the BHS project has budgeted \$2 million dollars for the mitigation of traffic related to the High School project

Mr. McLaughlin moved: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McLaughlin moved: To approve giving Chair Lovallo executive authority to make the necessary changes to the current Memorandum of Understanding draft, provided there are no substantive changes to the memorandum.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Special Town Meeting (STM) Warrant Article 2

General Discussion: Chair Lovallo read the article for Committee review and approve as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote the appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the amount of two hundred and ninety five million dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Belmont High

School Building Committee for designing, demolishing, renovating, originally equipping, and furnishing the current Belmont High School, located at 221 Concord Avenue in Belmont, relocating and reconstructing the playing fields, and renovating the current pool and field house, to accommodate grades seven (7) through twelve (12), including constructing an addition, and all costs incidental or related thereto, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) forty and sixty sixth one hundred percent (40.66%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. (Two-thirds vote)"

There was a brief discussion regarding the clarity of the costs in the article. Chair Lovallo noted that the details of the wording are still being reviewed by both Town Counsel and Bond Counsel. Also, changes must be approved by the MSBA Counsel. The MSBA has strict guidelines that allow little divergence from the format that was issued to Belmont. There may be adjustments to the wording – however, the substance of the article will not change.

Mr. Caputo moved: To approve STM Article 2 for the Belmont High School Construction Project, as discussed.
The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Comments from Belmont Residents

There were no comments.

V. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Mr. McLaughlin moved: To approve the Minutes of 10/10/18.
The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Next Full Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the BHS auditorium (#56)

VII. Other/New Business

None.

VIII. Related Meeting Documents

1. Memorandum of Understanding (October 17 draft)
2. BHSBC response letter to High School Traffic Working Group, dated 10/10/18
3. Belmont High School – Proposed Access Design Summary 10/10/18 – Nelson Nygaard
4. Belmont High School Traffic handout, dated 05/19/18

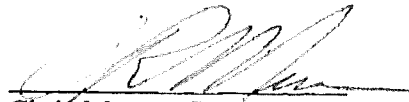
IX. Adjournment

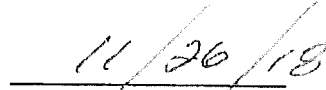
The meeting ended at 8:36 a.m. by Mr. McLaughlin.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chris Messer

Approved:


Chris Messer, Secretary


Date