

BELMONT WARRANT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2018, 7:30 P.M.
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL, LARGE COMMUNITY ROOM

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Present: Vice-Chair Slap; Members Alcock Crowley, Dionne, Fallon, Halston, McLaughlin, Read, Rickter, Schreiber, and Weis.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Vice-Chair Slap. She explained that there would be no vote on upcoming Warrant Articles until next week, since the Board of Selectmen had not yet voted the Warrant. The meeting would be to organize working groups and subcommittees and decide on chairs, if possible, so that meetings could be called. Given time constraints, she emphasize the importance of getting the WC report and Collins Center Forecasting Model working groups started.

Approval of Minutes

[None]

Agenda Items

- I-*** Discussion and possible vote on Warrant Article regarding issuance of new debt for new school

[Postponed until October 24 meeting]

- II-*** Discussion and possible vote on Warrant Article regarding design of bicycle and pedestrian tunnel under tracks at Alexander Ave.

[Postponed until October 24 meeting]

- III-*** Organization of subcommittee and working groups

Member Schreiber requested to switch to General Government to work on IT related issues; Member Read had agreed to serve on Human Services in exchange.

Vice Chair Slap proceeded to go through each working group and subcommittee for which there was a quorum:

- **Warrant Committee report working group:** Member Rickter was nominated by Member Read; nomination was seconded.
Motion to appoint Paul Rickter as Chair of the Warrant Committee Report working group was approved by acclamation.
- **Collins Center Forecasting Model working group:** Member Lubien was

nominated by Vice-chair Slap; nomination was seconded.

Motion to appoint Geoff Lubien as Chair of the Collins Center Forecasting Model working group was approved by acclamation; Member Lubien absent.

- **Human Services subcommittee:** Member McLaughlin was nominated by Member Fallon; nomination was seconded.

Motion to appoint Bob McLaughlin as Chair of the Human Services subcommittee was approved by acclamation.

- **General Government subcommittee:** Member Schreiber was nominated by Member Dionne; nomination was seconded.

Motion to appoint Ellen Schreiber as Chair of the General Government subcommittee was approved by acclamation.

- **Public Safety subcommittee:** Member Halston was nominated by Vice-chair Slap; nomination was seconded.

Motion to appoint Dan Halston as Chair of the Public Safety subcommittee was approved by acclamation; Anne Helgen absent.

- **Public Services subcommittee:** Member Lubien was nominated by Member Schreiber; nomination was seconded.

Motion to appoint Geoff Lubien as Chair of the Public Services subcommittee was approved by acclamation; Member Lubien absent.

- **Property Tax working group:** Member Dionne was nominated by Member McLaughlin; nomination was seconded.

Motion to appoint Elizabeth Dionne as Chair of the Property Tax working group was approved by acclamation.

The Education subcommittee and Pension/OPEB working group did not have a quorum and therefore would have to choose their respective Chairs at a later date.

Member Rickter scheduled a first meeting of the WC Report working group for November 1 at 7pm, location TBD. Member Dionne proposed that the Property Tax working group have a first meeting October 24 at 7pm, prior to the WC meeting; she would obtain information from the Board of Assessors in advance of the meeting.

Vice-Chair Slap asked if there were any further comments from Members:

- Member Fallon expressed concern about voting on the upcoming zoning article at Fall Town Meeting (South Pleasant St. overlay district). Due to the complicated nature of zoning articles and the limited time the WC would have to review, she proposed that the WC potentially not take a position on the Article. Member Schreiber inquired whether a representative from the zoning board was attending the meeting next week; if so it may be possible to discuss and then vote at November 7 WC meeting, before Fall Town Meeting. Member Weis suggested that the WC has the obligation to advise Town Meeting and that the WC should try to take a position. It was noted that not much public information had been circulated about the zoning Article, and it was unclear why the Article could not be addressed at the regular Spring Town Meeting.

- Member Weis encouraged the WC to support Town Administrator Garvin's efforts on reviewing the Town's capital budget, by attending upcoming meetings with department heads.

Adjournment

Motion (Member McLaughlin): To adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by
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