

**Town of Belmont  
Warrant Committee  
Public Services Subcommittee**

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**Minutes: Warrant Committee Public Services Subcommittee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 25, 2018  
Chenery Community Room  
Chenery Middle School, 95 Washington Street, Belmont, MA

Present: Robert McLaughlin (RM); Geoffrey Lubien (GL); Michael Libenson (ML); Chris Doyle (CD); Town Administrator, Patrice Garvin; Director of Public Works, Jay Marcotte.

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm

1. Discussion and vote of Public Works Reserve Fund Transfer Request related to snow and ice removal.

The Director of Public Works presented the revised deficit in the snow and ice budget of \$458,000 which is down from the original estimate of \$546,000 with \$88,000 of the shortfall shifted to the water and sewer budget reflecting damaged catch basins. The Director also presented that \$110,500 in savings realized elsewhere in the DPW budget was applied to the snow and ice deficit and that a \$347,623 transfer from the Warrant Committee reserve fund would be needed to close the remaining gap.

Questions were raised about the cost of contracting and overtime and the Director commented that we do not have the staff to meet the demand of a severe and/or long duration storm. Also commented that the timing of the storms resulting in double-time and holiday pay puts a lot of pressure on the budget.

The town was in a positive position on the salt budget because of the use of beet juice in the pretreating of the roads.

ML commented that memo submitted by the DPW was not a formal request and that a vote could take place both with the subcommittee and the Warrant Committee for approval on the condition that a formal request would be submitted to the Chair of the Warrant Committee requesting the transfer for \$347,623 from the Warrant Committee Reserve Fund.

Motion by RM: Move to transfer funds from the Warrant Committee Reserve Fund in the amount of \$347,623 to the DPW's snow and ice budget.

Second by: ML

Vote: Approved, yes 4-0.

2. To approve Minutes of any prior meetings of the subcommittee.

Approval of minutes from March 1, 2018

Motion by: GL

Second by: RM

Vote: Approved, yes 3-0.

Abstain, 1 – CD would did not attend the meeting

Approval of minutes from April 4, 2018

Motion by: GL

Second by: RM

Vote: Approved, yes 4-0.

Approval of minutes from April 6, 2018

Motion by: GL

Second by: RM

Vote: Approved, yes 4-0.

3. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

RM motion, ML second

Vote yes 4-0

Adjourned at 7:01 pm

Submitted by Geoffrey Lubien,  
Public Services Subcommittee Chair