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Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, April 25, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Belmont Mill, Tioga Meeting Room

Present were Chairman Ruth Mooney, Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Claude Patten, Jr., TA Jeanne Beaudin, Assistant TA Alicia Jipson, Fire Chief Mike Newhall, Sharon Ciampi, Police Chief Mark Lewandoski, Assistant Fire Chief Deb Black, Kate Miller, DTC Attorney, and Brian Christensen, Comcast Rep.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Non-Public

Chairman Mooney moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 4:15 p.m.; roll call was taken and those present and voting were Jon Pike, Ruth Mooney and Claude Patten. Also present were TA Beaudin, ATA Jipson and Police Chief Mark Lewandoski.

Chairman Mooney closed the non-public session at 4:45. p.m.

Selectman Jon Pike moved to approve the termination in accordance with Chief Lewandoski's recommendations; seconded by Selectman Claude Patten. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Selectman Claude Patten, Jr. moved the minutes of the meeting held on April 18, 2022 as written; seconded by Selectman Jon Pike, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Chairman Mooney opened the public hearing at 5:00 p.m. relative to the proposed Franchise Agreement with Comcast. Selectman Mooney asked Kate Miller from DTC to present. Attorney Miller discussed that the current franchise agreement is with Breezeline. NH law requires that franchise agreements not be exclusive. The Town can entertain proposals from many companies, giving the residents option. The Town of Belmont is in a group working with 9 other towns on an updating the current Breezeline cable franchise agreement. Attorney Miller also noted that the proposals have to be similar in nature when comparing. The franchise fees

are based on the income from cable tv received. BOS doesn't have control over pricing and channel packaging, their oversight is maintaining public ROW, and safety. Attorney Miller indicated that the terms are fairly comparable. Breezeline has seen the proposal and have been given the notice of the PH here tonight. The terms are for a 10-year term which is a standard practice. Comcast also provides internet services and cable as a presentation of video. Cable may eventually evolve into streaming. In the next 10 years we don't foresee cable going away but possibly in 20 years as streaming takes over entirely. The plus to having Comcast is that it will be a new system. TA Beaudin noted in the contract that the franchise fees will be paid quarterly vs 1x a year which is the current practice, noting that she does not see as an issue just noting that is the difference. Mr. Christensen added that Comcast offers many products and services, and that they are primarily here for the ROW access to be granted. Mr. Christensen added that Comcast offers 5 services total. Comcast is a large company operating in 39 states and British Columbia. As a new addition, Belmont will be joining a large subscriber base. Mr. Christensen, noted that they anticipate services starting towards the end of the year, and are still in the final design stages, and will probably build out from the station outwards.

Selectman Pike motioned to accept the Franchise Agreement with Comcast; seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further public comment Selectman Mooney closed the Public Hearing at 5:18 p.m.

New Business

Acceptance of LCHIP Incentive and Sargent Funds- We received our annual incentive from the LCHIP in the amount of \$250 for our timely annual report submission on the care and maintenance of the Bandstand. TA Beaudin noted that in the past we have added this to the Heritage Commission Fund, and recommends that we do the same this year. TA Beaudin also noted that the Heritage Commission was awarded \$250 from the Sargent Fund, seeking acknowledgment of the funds so that they may expend the funds as needed. Selectman Pike motioned to accept the LCHIP funds in the amount of \$250.00 and the Sargent Fund distribution to the Heritage Commission in the amount of \$250.00 then to be deposited into the Heritage Commission fund; seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business

Bank Retaining Wall- Building & Grounds has noted that the retaining wall by the bank is chipping away and unsightly. To repaint the wall will cost \$150. The Board unanimously agreed to go ahead and paint the wall.

Cameras at Sargent Park- TA Beaudin commented that we have seen in uptick in vandalism in the park since being open. A&B lock did look over the park and did give some recommendations on what we can do. One option was tying into the PD feed so that dispatch could watch it remotely in real time. The cost for the upgrades is \$6,900 plus \$2,500 for the added cameras for a total cost of \$9,400. There are funds in the Park n Rec budget or we can

take it out of the Municipal Capital Reserve Funds. Selectman Patten motioned to authorize the purchase of the cameras and upgrades at Sargent Park seconded by Selectman Pike, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Lease for Police Cruisers and LED Lightening Project- TA Beaudin noted that the lightening upgrade is anticipated to be done by end of June. Board signed all the appropriate financial statements. There is a resolution that FSB would like read into the minutes.

Chairman Mooney read the following into record:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Lessee as follows:1-Determination of Need. The Governing Body of Lessee has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Equipment described on Exhibit A of the Lease with Option to Purchase Agreement dated as of April 25, 2022, between Town of Belmont (Lessee) and Franklin Savings Bank (Lessor). 2- Approval and Authorization. The Governing Body of Lessee has determined that the Agreement, substantially in the form presented to this meeting, are in the best interests of the Lessee for the acquisition of such Equipment, and the Governing Body hereby approves the entering into of the Agreement by the Lessee and hereby designates and authorizes the following person(s) to execute and deliver the Agreement on Lessee's behalf with such changes thereto as such person(s) deem(s) appropriate. Such approval and authorization extend to any related documents, including any Escrow Agreement, necessary to the consummation of the transaction contemplated by the Agreement. Authorized Individual(s): Board of Selectmen Members Ruth Mooney, Jon Pike, Claude B. Patten Jr. 3- Adoption of Resolution. The signatures below from the designated individuals from the Governing Body of the Lessee evidence the adoption by the Governing Body of this Resolution.

Selectman Mooney also authorized TA Beaudin to sign all necessary documents not signed by the Board; seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

LRPA Yearly Agreement of Membership. TA Beaudin commented that Alan MacRae has joined the board of LRPA. As you recall we do pay our annual dues from the franchise fees that we get from Breezeline. Selectman Mooney signed the membership agreement.

TA Beaudin explained that the Town had received the contract with KRT for the 3-year sales update as funds were approved at Town Meeting. She further noted that KRT has already started work on the sales that have taken place. They will look at all the sales and do an analysis. This will be more of an inhouse update before we do the full measure and list in 2024. Selectman Mooney signed the contract.

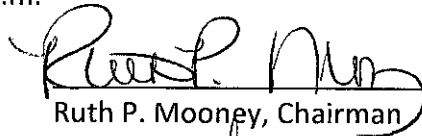
Next Monday will be another night meeting with the Library Trustees beginning at 5:00 p.m., they wish to discuss future plans for an expansion of the library.

Road Update- DPW Director Craig Clairmont discussed project plans for Belmont Roads. The final approval for Solar Village has been signed. We are in the final design stages for Seavey Road. There are plans and projects going forward for the summer. We do have some extra work on Plummer Hill and fix some issues that arose over the winter. We don't want to do a final coat if there are still issues that need to be addressed. Last year we spent \$40,000 on a shim and overlay on Solar Village and Craig would really like to see how long that will last before we rebuild the road.


Aaron Roberts Skate Park- TA Beaudin commented that the application has been submitted for the grant to the Land Water Conservation Fund using the area by the Fire Department as their 1st choice. Further work will need to be done on a final application if the pre-ap is moved to the next phase.

Community Wide Roadside Cleanup- DPW Director Craig Clairmont commented that we had about 2 loads of trash collected over the weekend. Sharon Ciampi added that her family did most of Jamestown Road over the weekend and DPW had the bags picked up by 7:30 this am.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.


Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman


Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman


Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman