

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
JULY 30, 2018**

SC Members Present: Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox, Chair
Ms. Andrea Prestwich, Secretary (arrival at 6:30 p.m.)
Ms. Kate Bowen
Ms. Lisa Fiore
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent

SC Members Absent: Ms. Jill Norton
Ms. Tara Donner

1. **OPENING BUSINESS**

1.1 Call to order

Ms. Burgess-Cox called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **MAJOR BUSINESS**

2.1 Board of Selectmen Request for Community Preservation Act Consideration

Town Administrator Patrice Garvin presented information regarding a request of the Board of Selectmen to the Community Preservation Committee for consideration of an off-cycle Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding application for the design work for Phase 1a [Alexander Underpass] of the proposed community path.

Recently the Town submitted its Project Initiation Form (PIF) and Project Need Form (PNF) to MassDOT, so that the Path can be eligible for placement on the state's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Placement on the TIP will lead to construction funding for the Path.

The Board of Selectmen voted to submit an off-cycle Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding request and asked for support from the School Committee. Ms. Prestwich disclosed her current address on Alexander Avenue. After a brief discussion, it was determined that this would not impact her voting on this decision.

MassDOT design costs are estimated at 10% of the total project costs which is approximately \$400,000 for this phase of the project. The School Committee had an extensive discussion confirming that this vote would only reflect approval for Phase 1a [Alexander Underpass]. Superintendent Phelan noted that the Belmont High School Building Committee (BHSBC) voted to approve this request.

Upon a motion by Catherine Bowen, seconded by Lisa Fiore, it was

VOTED unanimously to approve the off-cycle request for CPA funding for Phase 1a [Alexander Underpass].

2.2 Board of Selectmen High School Traffic Working Group Appointment

After extensive discussions and community forums regarding traffic concerns related to the high school building project, the Board of Selectmen created a High School Traffic Working Group. The Working Group will consist of community members as well as representatives from town Boards and Committees including the Planning Board and the School Committee. Lisa Fiore recommended Catherine Bowen to serve as the School Committee representative to this working group.

Upon a motion by Lisa Fiore, seconded by Andrea Prestwich, it was

VOTED unanimously to appoint Catherine Bowen as the School Committee representative to the Board of Selectmen High School Traffic Working Group.

2.3 Minuteman Update

Superintendent Phelan noted that he would be presenting a brief summary of the work of the Minuteman Task Force that was presented to the School Committee in June 2018 to the Board of Selectmen and the Warrant Committee at a joint meeting to be held this same evening at 7:00 p.m.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:00 p.m. on a motion offered by Ms. Bowen, seconded by Ms. Prestwich, it was

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



Susan Burgess-Cox, Chair for
Andrea Prestwich, Secretary