

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY, BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

MARCH 29, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chair Matt Lowrie in the Flett Room. Present were Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Mary Keenan, Sarah Phillips, and Hal Shubin and Director Maureen Connors.

Plans for the presentation to the Capital Budget Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 31st were discussed. The total cost amount as given in the state grant is \$19.2M; the expected reimbursement of \$8.5M is according to the sliding scale of reimbursement established by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Architectural boards and site plans will be brought to the meeting.

The question of a replacement field is still unanswered. Rock Meadow was considered, but according to one source is not for ball playing. There are many questions surrounding the acquisition of the Purecoat site by the Town of Belmont.

Trustees will contact precinct leaders who will then invite town meeting members to three informational coffees.

Saturday April 9th at 10:30 a.m., presentation at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday April 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday April 21st at 3p.m.

It was noted that a majority town meeting vote is needed for approval to file the grant application (this is a state requirement and formality to the filing of the grant application). The deadline for this vote is June 16th.

The minutes for the meetings of January 6, 2011 and March 22, 2011 were approved unanimously on a motion by Trustee Carthy, seconded by Trustee Shubin.

Trustee Carthy suggested that an OPEN sign be placed outside the library on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Shubin, seconded by Trustee Phillips and voted unanimously.

Next meeting . . . Tuesday . . . April 12th at 7 p.m. for Annual & Regular meetings

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Keenan, secretary

Exhibits:

Agenda

Minutes January 6, 2011 and March 22, 2011

Sample letters to town meeting members

Warrant Article 16

ARTICLE 16: Approval of Application by Library Trustees to the State's
Library Construction Grant Program

To see if the Town will vote to approve the concept of the preliminary design of a new main library, and authorize the Board of Library Trustees to apply for and accept any federal and/or state grants that may be available for the Belmont Public Library building project, such grants to be expended, together with other funds subsequently appropriated or made available for the project, by a building committee authorized at a future Town Meeting or in any way act thereon.

This article, as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), seeks Town Meeting approval of a future library construction project and authorization to apply for an MBLC grant. This article requires no monetary commitment from the Town at this time. Through its Board of Library Trustees, the Town of Belmont has applied for an MBLC grant, which if awarded, as expected, would provide \$8.5 million for library construction. Among its many requirements, the MBLC grant application requires towns to complete a library needs analysis and an architectural feasibility study that results in a preliminary architectural design. Belmont has already completed these. This warrant article is the next step in the grant application process with wording as required by MBLC. A yes vote will allow Belmont to apply for and accept state funding. The ultimate approval of the future construction project, and the actual payment from the state, are contingent on later action by a future Town Meeting.

Majority vote required for passage

Yes _____ No _____

The Warrant Committee and Capital Budget Committee will report orally on this Article.

Dear

The Board of Library Trustees have placed an article on the TM warrant regarding the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Public Library Construction Grant. I am hoping you will forward the attached invitation to all your precinct members so we can explain the warrant article and answer any questions they might have. We will be having three informational coffees at the library and we are hoping the members in your precinct will be able to attend. Thank you for helping us get the word out.

March 30, 2011

Dear Town Meeting Member,

At the April Town Meeting, you will be asked to approve a preliminary design for a new library, the next step in the State library construction grant process. A yes vote does not commit the town to anything but allowing us to continue seeking state funding.

The Town of Belmont has applied for this state grant through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). If awarded, as expected, this grant would provide \$8.5 million for library construction. We have already completed the library-needs analysis and the architectural feasibility study. This warrant article is the next step in the grant application process. The wording is required by the MBLC:

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A yes vote will allow, but not require, Belmont to accept state funding. The ultimate approval of the project, and the payment from the state, are contingent on later action by Town Meeting. This vote allows us to continue the process. We cannot miss this opportunity for significant state funding.

We are very excited about this opportunity, and invite you to join us for one of several informational coffees in the Flett Room at the library where we would be glad to discuss the warrant article, the grant, and answer any questions you may have.

Saturday, April 9th at 2 pm

Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30pm

Thursday, April 21st at 3pm

Please feel free to contact any of us with questions.

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Sincerely,

The Board of Library Trustees

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