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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 17, 2004
SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of Selectmen met in a special capital projects planning session at 7:30PM.

It convened its "Mega-group", so called, consisting of the Warrant Committee, Capital Budget Committee and Permanent Building Committee. Each member was in attendance.

The Board of Library Trustees reviewed with the group its request to participate in the State's library construction grant program.

The Board and group reviewed the possibility of establishing a site planning committee and process to determine alternatives for siting enhanced facility. Ms. Wescott of the Trustees proposed a committee incorporating aspects of the prior "Cluster-Planning" group expanded with other stakeholders.

There was concensus on this site planning initiative and general support for the Town participating in the library construction grant program.

It was agreed that the Major Capital Planning group would re-convene in September to review the site planning effort and to make a final decision on the construction grant application.

Moved to: Establish a temporary committee to evaluate site issues for an enhanced library facility to include the following representation;

- BLT
- RC
- ConCom
- HDC
- CBC (Cluster Planning Group)
- Citizens (i.e. Friends of the Belmont Library)

The motion was approved (3-0).

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the status of the library stairs with the group and its Manager of Buildings. There were conflicting and challenging issues associated with the repair of the stair system. The Board directed the Manager to consider removing the lower stair system and replacing it with planted materials.

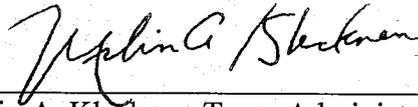
The Board received updates on the following major capital projects;

- Fire Stations Project
- Belmont Center Parking Project
- High Shool Feasibility Study
- Senior Center
- Wellington School

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The Board reviewed an issue of design of basement space at the Senior Center building. The Building Committee advocates against the construction of basement space unless there was a compelling Town need for it. There was consensus on eliminating basement space from the scope of this project.

Mr. Solomon updated the Board on the new energy savings initiative.



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Clerk, Board of Selectmen