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- May 18, 2010 Claflin Room 7:32 p.m. to 9:25 p.m.
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- Present: Director Maureen Connors, Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Mary Keenan, Sarah Phillips, Hal Shubin. Trustee Chair Matt Lowrie was absent.
- Guest: Kevin Looney, Town of Belmont Buildings Department
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- Vice-Chair Shubin called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
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- Generator: Mr. Looney once again addressed the issue of the generator. The agreed-upon location, the southeast corner, is not feasible due to the difficulty of getting pipes through a cement wall that concerned parties were not previously aware of. The new location for the generator is on the west side of the building, necessitating landscaping and, perhaps, a new wall. This is the better of two bad choices, the other being the use of propane tanks with piping to the building. Mr. Looney, who has \$12K to finish this project, will contact Community Garden Chair Joy Bitner for appropriate landscaping.
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- The minutes for the April 8th meeting were unanimously approved; the motion made by Trustee Phillips was seconded by Trustee Alligood.
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- Old Business:
- It is important that all trustees complete the evaluation of the Director. The evaluation cycle is about to begin anew.
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- Director Connors and Trustees Shubin and Carthy reported on a meeting they had with Ms. Bruschi of the Capital Project committee to discuss the forthcoming grant round of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. (MBLC)
- *ACTION: Director Connors will contact Ms. Bruschi re. site action.*
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- With a new grant round for libraries, the role of the Belmont Library Foundation (BLF) was discussed.
- *ACTION: Director Connors will invite BLF members to the June 15th trustees meeting.*
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- New Business:
- The Open Meeting Law will be on the June agenda.
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- In preparation for Town Meeting, Director Connors and Trustee Shubin attended the Warrant Committee Budget meeting. The ensuing discussion focused on ways for the library to think outside the box while fulfilling its mission. It is critical that the library trustees be prepared any questions that may arise at town meeting.
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- *ACTION: Director Connors will speak with Moderator Mike Widmer about showing a few key slides to clarify the library's budget position and its importance to the town.* The library levels the playing field for all residents and enriches the lives of individuals. For some patrons, it is their only access to the Internet.
- Trustee committees were reviewed with these results:
 - Budget – Trustees Keenan and Phillips
 - Union negotiations – Trustee Alligood and Chair Lowrie
 - Policy – Trustees Keenan and Shubin
 - One Book, One Belmont – Trustee Phillips.
- On a motion by Trustee Alligood, seconded by Trustee Phillips, the trustees unanimously voted to close the library for a ½ day staff day on either June 18th or 25th.
- Committee Reports:
 - It was agreed that each trustee would attend one town committee meeting (Capital Budget, Warrant, MegaGroup, School, etc.) each quarter.
 - The revised Behavior Policy will be considered at a future meeting.
 - The Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, June 3rd, with the newly elected selectman, Mark Paolillo as speaker.
- Director's Report:
 - The trustees advised Director Connors to reply to the Benton Re-use Committee that the library, with the many demands made on it, is unable to assist in the establishment of a Benton Reading Room. The Friends of Benton had an earlier opportunity to raise funds to keep the branch open; monies were not raised.
 - Children's Librarian Naomi Schmidt has tendered her resignation. The trustees voted unanimously on a motion made by Trustee Carthy and seconded by Trustee Alligood to accept the resignation of Naomi Schmid and approve the posting of the position of Children's Librarian at the appropriate time.
- THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: TUESDAY JUNE 15TH 7:30 p.m.
- By roll call vote, Trustees Shubin, Alligood, Carthy, Keenan, and Phillips voted to go into Executive Session to review the minutes of the previous Executive Session and to adjourn the main meeting at the end of the Executive Session.
- Respectfully submitted,
- Mary E. Keenan

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