

**BELMONT PERMANENT BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 10, 2002

Minutes Approved:

July 16, 2002

The meeting of the Permanent Building Committee was called to order by Chairman Brusch on September 10, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. Present were: Patricia Brusch, Robert Jones Rick Kobus Joel Mooney, Robert McLaughlin and Karen Pressey. Mark Szpak was absent.

Capital Project Planning Group will meet on September 19, 2002 to discuss individual projects that are currently being considered and to determine scope and timing of these projects. Some consideration is being given to dividing the projects into two 5-year timeframes to include the Fire Stations, the Senior Center, and the Wellington School in the first five years.

A Special Town Meeting is tentatively being planned for October 28, 2002 to establish Building Committees for the Senior Center and the Fire Stations and allocate money for Schematic Design for each project so that Debt Exclusions can be placed on the ballot for the April Town Meeting.

Cluster Group has taken an objective view of the possibility of coordinating several needs along the Concord Ave. corridor to include a new library, a senior center at the current library, locker facilities at the hockey rink, and additional parking on both sides of Concord Ave. The Permanent Building Committee expressed a preference for locating the Senior Center in the approximate location of the White Field House since it provides easy access to the high school track, the swimming pool, the Town Library, the Post Office and the Center as well as public transportation. It makes sense from a civic planning point of view. Removal of the White Field House necessitates the replacement of locker facilities at the hockey rink. Additional parking will also be needed in this area. The Committee felt that the Library project should be reevaluated as an upgrade of the current facility rather than a major expansion.

Fire Station Committee is waiting for a final determination of land availability on Trapelo Road and indicated an interest in facilitating the appraisal process if necessary. An appraisal of the fair market value of the current stations as well as the two proposed parcel needs to be completed as expeditiously as possible.

Town Hall Complex Committee: Joel Mooney is helping with the preparation of the Electric Light Building and the Town Hall for the relocation of several Town Offices. He also indicated that they had received approval to retain the "bridal stair" in the School Administration Building and the assembly space on the top floor of the Town Hall Annex.

BHS Athletic Field/Track: Bob McLaughlin reported that they are in the final stages of completing this project. The Lights will be installed in the next week and will be used on a trial basis for the next few games.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 15, 2002 7:30 P.M

Room 1 Town Hall

The Committee has been asked to assist the Fair Housing group in preparing an RFP for parking and additional housing units on the 1.3 acres in the Waverley Oaks area that is expected to be turned over by McLean Hospital as part of their agreement with the Town. Rob Jones will be the liaison with this group.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Pressey