

Minutes of the Belmont Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 21, 2010

Present: Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Mary Keenan, Matt Lowrie, and Hal Shubin and Director Maureen Connors. Guest: Dan Scharfman, School Committee liaison to the Board of Library Trustees.

**New Business:**

Chair Lowrie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Claflin Room of the library. Chair Lowrie reported on a meeting with some members of the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools George Entwistle, and Athletic Director Jim Davis to discuss the possible siting of a new library. Mr. Scharfman noted the need for the School Committee to be educated about the history of the library's plan and raised these issues:

- more information is needed,
- the impact of the Purecoat site,
  - the possibility of combining a town and high school library,
- the limitations on the flexibility of the high school if the property is divided,
  - the issue of accreditation,
  - the issue of Title IX.

Chair Lowrie stated that accreditation was an all-important issue. Others added that some concerns had already been addressed, such as the vetoing in the past of a combined town/school library. Both the Cluster Group and the Capital Projects Overview Committee recommended siting the library on the north side of Concord Avenue.

**Minutes:**

On a motion by Trustee Shubin, seconded by Trustee Alligood, the minutes for the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved as amended. (The Project Manager Committee will recommend one candidate to the trustees.)

**Old Business:**

After Director Connors informed the group that she had checked the appropriate references, Trustee Carthy moved that Daedalus be approved as Project Manager. Seconded by Trustee Alligood, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**New Business:**

Director Connors recommended that there be a web-site for the Feasibility Study for a new library. It was agreed that the current process as well as an historic timeline and questions and answers would be a good start.

*ACTION: Trustee Shubin will contact the Belmont Library Foundation to initiate work on this.*

**Committee Report:**

Trustee Keenan reported on the Friends of the Library/Garden Club joint venture of a January evening program "Books in Bloom."

**Director's Report:**

Kevin Looney of the Town of Belmont Facilities Office told Ms. Connors that the DPW will landscape the grounds subsequent to the placement of the new generator for the town IT capability.

*ACTION: Chair Lowrie will work with Director Connors on a contract for the Project Manager.*

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School. The Board of Trustees will meet prior to presenting background on the site of the proposed library to the School Committee.

There will be regularly scheduled trustee meetings on  
Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Shubin, seconded by Trustee Carthy and voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary E. Keenan, Secretary

Exhibits:

Agenda

Minutes Board of Library Trustees August 19, 2010  
List of applying firms for Project Manager and Architect  
Ranking sheet for Project Manager selection  
Minutes Board of Library Trustees Special meeting September 9, 2010  
Questions for Architect  
Activity Report August 2010  
Expenditures September 2010  
Director's Report September 2010