

BELMONT PERMANENT BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 23, 2004

The meeting of the Permanent Building Advisory Committee was called to order by Pat Brusch on March 23, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 2 of the Town Hall. Present were: Pat Busch, Joel Mooney, Rob Jones, Robert McLaughlin, Bill Shea, and Karen Pressey.

Fire Stations: Bob McLaughlin reported that Planning Board and ZBA hearings went well. Oral decision will be available before the Debt Exclusion vote. Bob has met with the Retired Men's Club, Rotary, Lions, the League of Women Voters and the Village Hill Association. They have the unanimous approval of the Warrant Committee and the Capital Budget Committee. Bob has done a Cable TV presentation and a presentation to the Selectmen.

Senior Center: Karen reported that the committee has reached contractual agreement with John Catlin Associates as the architect for the senior center. His firm has built 25 senior centers in Massachusetts and it is their primary specialization. Rob Jones did a great job of preparing the contract and working through the negotiations.

Town Hall Complex: Joel indicated that everything is on schedule for the last quarter of this year. The exterior work is almost complete. They have begun roughing in the mechanicals.

Wellington School is poised to move when SBA sets up a process for considering new projects.

Belmont High School: The School Department is going forward with RFP's for architect selection for development of the Master Plan. They have received 11 responses. Joel, Pat and Karen will serve on the selection committee.

Library: Pat reported that a new round for state library grants will be available soon. A Letter of Intent is required in October and applications will be accepted in November or January. They will choose projects to be funded in July. The funding is at the level of 30% but excludes landscaping and other aspects of the project. The Trustees plan to go before the Selectmen sometime after the election on April 5th.

They will also likely be asking to fund a new elevator since the current one has been cited.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2004 7:30 pm Meeting Room 1 Town Hall