

- Minutes of the joint meeting between Belmont Public Library Board of Trustees and the Library Feasibility Study Committee
- October 26, 2010 Flett Room
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- Present: Library Director Maureen Conners, Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Matt Lowrie, Sarah Phillips, Hal Shubin. Trustee Mary Keenan was absent. Feasibility Study Committee members Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Corinne Chan, Maureen Conners, Fred Dooe, Frank Kennedy, Bill Lynch, Sandy Mulkern, Sarah Phillips, Stephen Sala. Guests: Joe Homyak, Daedalus Projects; John Owens, Recreation Commission; Stewart Roberts, Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc.; Building Committee; Dan Scharfman, School Committee liaison.
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- Board of Trustees Chair Lowrie called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and presented a brief overview of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) grant application procedure and a history of recent steps taken by library trustees towards that goal. Trustee Carthy reported on the Mega Meeting held October 19, 2010, held to decide priorities for town capital projects.
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- It was agreed that the goal for this joint meeting was to review the various options for new library sites and architectural drawings, and to see if there was a consensus among committee members and trustees as to which option(s) to pursue further.
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- Stewart Roberts, architect, presented three conceptual site plans for the location directly across from the current library site on Concord Avenue (Options 1A, 1B and 1C). All three plans proposed a 2-storey building of approximately 45,000 square feet with additional parking across the street, in the "golden bowl" area. All three options required some overlapping of the softball and soccer fields behind the library site. Mr. Roberts also presented a conceptual site plan for a location on Concord Avenue near the corner of Underwood Street (Option 2A) proposing a similar building but with all parking adjacent to the library itself. All four site plans presented located the new library on land currently part of the High School campus.
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- The merits of these four plans were then discussed by all those present. A consensus arose to go forward with Option 2A because it seemed to involve the least amount of disruption to the High School's current and future usage of their campus and because it would be less costly.
- ACTION: Chair Lowrie will review the MBLC regulations on the level of commitment on land site required for grant application.

- ACTION: Chair Lowrie will update School Committee Chair Ann Rittenburg on tonight's meeting and attend School Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.

- On a motion moved by Bill Lynch and seconded by Fred Dooe, all nine members of the Feasibility Committee voted unanimously to move forward with Option 2A as presented by Mr. Roberts.

- On a motion by Trustee Carthy and seconded by Trustee Alligood, the Board of Library Trustees voted unanimously to move forward with Option 2A as presented by Mr. Roberts.

- Mr. Kennedy reported that 35 letters of intent had been received by the MBLC. Funding for the next grant round will be \$68 million which will be awarded to approximately ten libraries. Twenty libraries will be placed on the wait list for later rounds and five libraries will probably be eliminated.

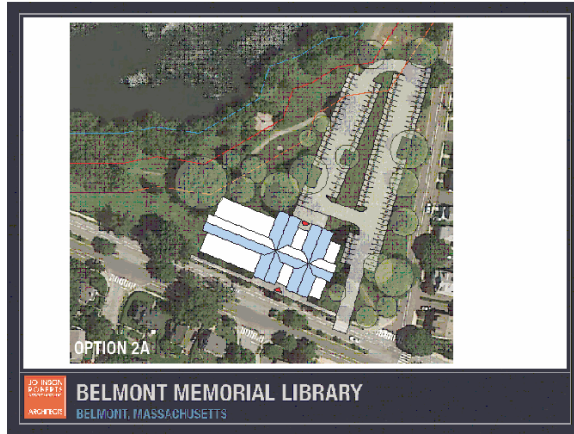
- The joint meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a double motion by Trustee Shubin and Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Alligood and Mr. Lynch, and voted unanimously.

- Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Phillips, secretary pro tem

- Attached – exhibit list

- Exhibit List
- Library Board of Trustees

- Feasibility Study Committee
- Joint Meeting October 26, 2010
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