

# BELMONT PERMANENT BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

June 15, 2004

The meeting of the Permanent Building Advisory Committee was called to order by Pat Bruschi on June 15, 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. The Committee welcomed Steve Sala as its newest member.

Fire Stations: Bob McLaughlin reported that the design development phase is going well. David Frizzel is doing a lot of the leg work in coordinating with all of the Town Departments. The Sub Bids are due September 16, 2004 and the General Bids are due on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Relocation needs to be arranged for the MBTA buses during construction. The MBTA will move a telephone pole and Tim McCarthy will move a transformer. The razing to the structure on the Trapello Road site needs to be resolved. There is a question as to whether to fold this project into the overall contract or proceed with the demolition and clean-up using excess funds from the acquisition of the property.

Joel Mooney recommended to the Fire Station Committee and to all future building committees that they check and double check the utilities because the actual location and condition can often differ from what is on paper

ESCo: Bob McLaughlin also reported on the most recent meeting of the ESCo Committee. A Moderator appointed committee has replaced the original ad hoc committee who researched this energy saving mechanism and prepared the RFP which includes a contract. The Housing Authority has indicated an interest in being included in this project. The new members are attempting to clarify a number of legal issues including those regarding the appropriate granting authority, impact of scope changes in the RFP, how to amend the RFP without reissuing a new one, and accountability protocols. They are also seeking advice regarding financing options.

High School Track: Bob also reported that he is not optimistic about the outcome of the Appeals Court decision regarding ADA issues relative to the press box.

Senior Center: Karen reported that the Schematic Phase is nearing completion. The committee is considering whether to seek LEED certification or to simply pursue "Green" options in site preparation and construction. They are analyzing the feasibility of geothermal heating and cooling as well as water retention and reutilization options. The committee will ask for a listing of options to achieve LEED points and the cost impact thereof. The committee is scheduled to present the Schematic Design to the Selectmen on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Town Hall Complex: Joel Mooney indicated that the project is on schedule for Fall completion – December 20, 2004. The top floor of the Annex is getting sheet rocked and the School Administration building is in the framing and mechanicals phase.

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

Belmont High School: Pat Bruschi reported that Design Partnership of Cambridge has been chosen to develop the Master Plan. Bob Vogel is the lead architect on the project. It should be completed by the end of August. New construction is likely for Science Labs since the current space is inadequate both in size and number of rooms. Another addition may be necessary for administration and Fine and Performing Arts.

Library: Pat reported that the Permanent Building Committee is not involved in the site study committee who is working over the Summer to explore possible alternative sites for a new library. Pat is working with the Trustees to review programming plans and consider the option of another feasibility study to more fully analyze space needs as they relate to current building capacity. The Trustees are preparing a preliminary grant application for submission in the Fall and will need to have a final application ready for submission in February. They will report their progress to the Selectmen at their first meeting in September.

Next Meeting:            September 13, 2004    7:30 pm