

BELMONT PERMANENT BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 13, 2004

The meeting of the Permanent Building Advisory Committee was called to order by Pat Brusch on September 13, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 2 of the Town Hall. Present were: Pat Brusch, Joel Mooney, Rob Jones, Robert McLaughlin, Karen Pressey, Bill Shea, and Steve Sala.

The Committee reorganized with Pat Brusch continuing as Chairman and Karen Pressey as Secretary.

Fire Stations: Bob McLaughlin reported that they should be ready to go out to bid toward the end of September. They plan to have the documents reviewed by a third party prior to going forward just to make sure nothing has been overlooked and that they are fully coordinated. Dunham and Sweeney have been represented by Peter Brooks of late. Edwards and Kelsey has been hired through the architect to draw up the plans for installation of signalization for the Alexander Ave. station. They will be advertising in the Central Register and in the Globe for a Clerk of the Works. They may look for a capable person who can perform both the functions of Clerk and Project Manager.

High School Master Plan: Pat reported that the plan prepared by Design Partnership of Cambridge will be presented to the School Committee on Sept. 21st.

Town Hall Complex: Joel Mooney reported that Bill Lavallo has been appointed as the new member of the Fire Station Committee. The complex is proceeding on schedule.

Library: Pat reported that the Summer Site Committee has arrived at a proposal to move the library to the pool site and the pool and pool house to the library site. The building would be built into the hillside and provide a pedestrian entrance from School Street and a vehicular entrance from Concord Ave. with some parking and additional parking under the building. Early and very preliminary estimates are for a cost of \$5 million to \$7 million for the Library and \$2 million for the pool.

The Trustees want to be ready to submit a proposal to the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners in February. They understand that this project is a least five years away (possibly longer) from a start date due to other pressing needs within the Town. They are hoping for a Mega Meeting soon to discuss their proposal. They are proceeding with an RFP process to update their prior feasibility study and to review the complex site issues such as wetlands, drainage, and conservation as well as preliminary schematics for the library and recreational facilities. The Trustees are funding this study from funds available.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2004 7:30 pm