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BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING

BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MARCH 26, 2015

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Board of Library Trustees Chair Matt Lowrie called the open meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Library. Also present were Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Kathleen Keohane, Gail Mann, Sarah Phillips, Acting Director Emily Reardon, and members of the public.

Trustee Alligood, who served as Chair of the Search Committee, described the history of the search for a Library Director, from October 2014, to March 2015. She then turned the meeting over to Peter Struzziero, the finalist candidate for Director.

Candidate Struzziero introduced himself and spoke at length about his education, professional background, and the goals he would seek as Director of Belmont Public Library. At 7:00 p.m., Trustee Alligood opened the meeting up to questions from the floor, which covered a broad spectrum of issues. Mr. Struzziero answered each of these in turn.

At 7:30 p.m., Board of Trustees Chair Lowrie spoke with confidence of his own inquiries into Candidate Struzziero's qualifications. He had arranged for Mr. Struzziero to speak with Town Administrator David Kale who gave his endorsement of the finalist and committed to his mentoring with other Town administrators. Trustee Alligood described additional background and reference checks that were made.

Chair Lowrie then asked individual members of the Library Board of Trustees for their thoughts on the selection Candidate Struzziero. Trustee Keohane saw the choice as an opportunity for change. Trustee Phillips expressed comfort with Mr. Struzziero's explanation of his brief tenure in Arlington MA. Trustee Mann saw the discussions as a normal part of the lengthy and deliberate selection process.

Trustee Alligood moved to extend a conditional offer of the position as Director of Belmont Public Library to Peter Struzziero, seconded by Trustee Phillips and voted unanimously. She thanked all members of the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees for their contributions to the search process.

Trustee Chair Lowrie adjourned the Trustees Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Phillips, Secretary