

BELMONT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
February 19, 2013

Chair Matt Lowrie called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Present were Trustees Elaine Allgood, Mark Carthy, Mary Keenan, Sarah Phillips and Director Maureen Connors. Belmont Library Foundation (BLF) was represented by Marcie Schorr Hirsch and Melissa Lynch. Trustee Matt Sullivan was absent.

The minutes for the meeting of January 15, 2012, were unanimously approved on a motion by Trustee Allgood, seconded by Trustee Phillips.

**Old Business**

*Belmont Library Foundation Update* - Ms. Hirsch explained the two committee structure: the Leadership Gifts Committee and the Communication and Outreach Committee. There will be neighborhood coffees; the second video is ready for Town Meeting. Background is needed on naming the library building that is presently the "Memorial" library and for parts of the library already named.

**Update on Pool/Library & Capital Committee Meeting**

Chair of the Board of Selectmen Mark Paolillo said that an information sheet about the library is needed before Town Meeting. He noted the merits of the CPOC report. The library should be on the agenda of precinct meetings. Costs of various projects must be analyzed and compared with retiring debts. Representative Rogers is filing legislation for the town to gain title to the incinerator site. Mr. Paolillo said both options for recreational fields – the pool site and the incinerator site – must be considered on parallel paths. *The library will request a place on the School Committee agenda.* Trustee Carthy asked if the Selectmen would discuss and vote on the post-closure use of the incinerator site. Mr. Paolillo asked if part of the new library could be physically segregated for study hall; Dr. Kingston has said that the school would staff this. The trustees are confident that a sharing of the new library with students can be worked out. Mr. Paolillo's gracious offer to help the Library Foundation was met with appreciation from Ms. Hirsch.

**Old Business** (continued)

*Library Video Update* The video has been completed.

*Trust Fund update* Trustee Phillips is continuing her work on this.

**New Business**

As National Library Week is the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>, Chair Lowrie made a motion to have amnesty for overdue books during that week. Seconded by Trustee Carthy, the motion passed unanimously.

The Library Card Challenge is on-going for the month of February.

The Garden Club has expressed an interest in a monetary gift to the library. Trustee Keenan will report the trustees' appreciation and suggest what the gift could be used for.

Concern was expressed over proposed legislation for Town Administrator as it differs from long-standing practices and procedures of the elected trustees in fulfilling their duties.

Trustee Carthy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Allgood, the motion passed unanimously.

**Next meetings: March 26 and April 16**

Exhibits

Agenda February 19, 2013

Minutes for the meeting of January 15, 2013

Director's Report

Activity Report January 2013

Expenditures February 2013

Minutes Executive Session December 17, 2012

Case law backup and analysis re. collective bargaining

BLF update

An Act establishing the position of Town Administrator in the Town of Belmont

**APPROVED**