

Chair Matt Lowrie called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Claflin Room of the Library. Present were Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Mary Keenan, Sarah Phillips, and Director Maureen Conners. Trustee Matt Sullivan was absent.

The minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2014 were amended on a motion by Chair Lowrie, seconded by Trustee Carthy and voted unanimously. The minutes were then approved on a motion by Chair Lowrie, seconded by Trustee Carthy and voted unanimously.

Old Business

Capital Budget – Director Conners reviewed the Capital Budget Committee meeting that she and Trustee Keenan attended. The Library's requests for elevator repair and automatic door openers were taken under consideration.

The trustees discussed the proposed Children's Room renovation. The total cost is half of the entire Capital Budget for this year. This renovation would not be part of a new renovation, but a temporary measure to gain more space. The issue of using state grant money for the Children's Room renovation was discussed. It was agreed that the suggested renovation is too costly.

Position vacancies – Director Conners explained the difficulties in filling the position of Technology Librarian, a critical one for the Library.

New Business

MLN upgrade to Sierra – Director Conners explained the Minuteman Library Network upgrade to a new system, the Sierra library Services Platform. One aspect of this, Decision Center, will facilitate decisions about the Library collections.

Warrant Article discussion – The Library has been assigned the time slot of 10:15 a.m. on Friday March 28 to discuss the Warrant article. Chair Lowrie asked Director Conners to pursue re-scheduling this for April 7 at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. The question is does Town Meeting want to invest in the Library?

Article 18 as written by Chair Lowrie was then considered. Whereas #8 should be changed to 2017/2018 as indicated by the MBLC. The introductory paragraph will also be deleted.

Friends of the Library update Trustee Phillips announced that on May 17, Town Day, the Friends will have their usual booth promoting the Library. The Chenery Book Awards are moving forward for this year continuing a long tradition of honoring excellence and improvement in Language Arts for the teams in Grade 7 and 8.

Appreciation

The Trustees recognized this as the last meeting to be attended by Trustee Keenan who, after 10 years of service, will not run for re-election next month. Her dedication to the ideals of a public library and its importance to the community of Belmont are deeply appreciated by the Trustees and Director Connors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday April 15th 7:30 p.m.

April 22 is the date of the reception for Trustee Keenan.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Keenan, secretary

Exhibits:

Agenda March 25, 2014

Minutes February 27, 2014

Workshop with Board of Selectmen - Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Draft List of Warrant Articles

Article 18 Non-binding Resolution - Library

Director's Report March 25, 2014

Belmont Public Library Expenditures March 2014

Activity Report February 2014