

BELMONT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BELMONT,

April 16, 2013

Secretary Mary Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mary Keenan, Sarah Phillips, Matt Sullivan, and Director Maureen Conners. Chair Matt Lowrie and Trustee Mark Carthy were absent. Belmont Library Foundation Chair Marcie Schorr Hirsch attended the meeting, as well as Cathy Keohane and Franklin Tucker.

The minutes for the meeting of March 26, 2013, were unanimously approved on a motion by Trustee Sullivan, seconded by Trustee Alligood.

Belmont Library Foundation Update: Director Conners outlined plans for presentations prior to Town Meeting, May 29. These included two public meetings to be held at the library. Trustee Alligood will work on an informational handout. BLF Chair Hirsch described the difficulty of forming partnerships in Belmont supportive of the library without a confirmed site for the replacement practice field. The selection of the "pool-only" option for the Underwood Pool and Park leaves the incinerator site as the only remaining site for the practice field. Trustee Keenan outlined the problems with this site, including time delays, cost and environmental issues. BLF Chair Hirsch suggested that finding an alternative field is an issue for all town leaders and not solely that of the library, if a new library is indeed a town priority. A general discussion about town priorities and the need for a coordinated town plan followed.

New Business

Director Conners will contact Chair Lowrie to update him and to discuss a possible meeting with town Selectmen. She will contact MBLC Acting Director Dianne Carty regarding the likelihood of a second extension of time on the state grant.

ITAC Representative – Trustees are still looking for a candidate for this opening and they are waiting to hear back from a suggested individual.

Financial Report – Director Conners reviewed expenditures through April 11, 2013. The budget is on track and there are no overages.

Friends Report – Trustee Phillips reported on topics discussed at the April meeting of the Friends, including a review of the Books in Bloom event, Town Day participation, and the Chenery Book Awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with a unanimous vote on a motion by Trustee Alligood, seconded by Trustee Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Phillips, Trustee

Exhibits:

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Minutes for meeting March 26, 2013
Director's Report
Activity Report March 2013
Belmont Public Library Expenditures, April 2013