

BELMONT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
June 11, 2013

Chair Matt Lowrie called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. in the Claflin Room of the library. Present were trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Mary Keenan, Matt Sullivan and Director Maureen Connors. Trustee Sarah Phillips was absent.

Update: Chair Lowrie spoke with Board of Selectmen Chair Mark Paolillo who is in favor of petitioning the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) to request applying the \$7.5M grant to the present site as was awarded the previous grant round. Chair Lowrie has been invited to a meeting with the Capital Budget Committee on Monday June 16th.

Trustee Carthy advised the importance of gathering support at Town Meeting, the most important voice for the town.

Minutes for May 21 were unanimously approved on a motion by Trustee Sullivan, seconded by Chair Lowrie.

Chair Lowrie moved that the Board of Trustees request the MBLC to reallocate the funds of the 2012 grant to the present site; this request will be as presented in the letter to the MBLC as revised by the Chair. Trustee Carthy seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Facilities Consolidation – There is much consternation by the trustees over the delay by the Town in meeting with this library sub-committee. Three copies of the library's memorandum of concern have been sent to the Town over the last two years. The issue of timing was discussed at length.

ITAC Representative - Director Connors will meet with the prospective candidate for this position; said candidate will be invited to attend a future meeting of the trustees.

Laptop Policy - This agreement for patron usage of a netbook will be presented to the patron for his/her signature when a netbook is requested. Chair Lowrie moved to accept the network policy; Trustee Alligood seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. Thanks were extended to Ellen Girouard, Emily Reardon, and Emily Smith, the library staff who worked on this policy.

Letters received were noted. Director Connors will respond to Mark Clark and to Carl Rosenberg thanking them for their input and advising them of contact by a trustee. Trustee Carthy will contact Mr. Rosenberg; Trustee Alligood will contact Mr. Clark.

Director's Report - Concern regarding circulation is shared with other libraries. There was a question regarding staff appreciation; an event is approved. The

Children's librarians will present story hours at the Belmont Farmers' Market. In FY14 the ground floor tiles will be replaced.

The date of the meeting with the MBLC is Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Director Connors will contact other individuals to invite them to support the library's petition.

Next meeting July 16

A move to adjourn was made by Chair Lowrie at 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Carthy, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary E. Keenan, secretary

Exhibits:

Agenda June 11, 2013

Minutes for the meeting of May 21, 2013

Letter to Diane Carty, Executive Director MBLC

Director's Report

Expenditures June 2013

Letter from Carl Rosenberg

Article from Farmer's Market Newsletter