

BELMONT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
November 13, 2013

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, Mary Keenan, Sarah Phillips, and Matt Sullivan and Director Maureen Connors. Trustee Mark Carthy was absent.

The minutes of the August 20 and October 16 meetings were approved on a motion by Trustee Sullivan, seconded by Chair Lowrie.

***Old Business***

The officers of the Belmont Library Foundation (BLF) wish to discuss the future of the organization. Trustee Phillips expressed serious concerns about the legal requirements incumbent upon the BLF: the necessary pay-outs and requisite filings. Who currently has signatory power on the BLF accounts? Where are these accounts held? Trustee Phillips will speak with the BLF treasurer prior to the November 21 joint meeting with the trustees and the BLF. This meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

Chair Lowrie announced an estate gift of over a quarter of million dollars to be used either toward a new library or a significant aspect of the present library. There was discussion about a library presentation at the April Town Meeting.

***New Business***

Charles Odell, Reference Librarian, has announced his retirement as of the end of November.

Chair Lowrie asked for a report on the status of the Facility Consolidation Committee. The new Facility Consolidation Director, Gerry Boyle, has toured the library.

Director Connors spoke with Town Administrator David Kale about December 24; the Town will be open from 9 to 12 that day. The Library will also be open, unlike prior years. On the day after Thanksgiving both the Library and the Town will close.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Chair Lowrie.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary E. Keenan, secretary

List of exhibits

Agenda – November 13, 2013 meeting

Minutes – August 20, 2013

Minutes – October 16, 2013

Letter from Loring Cook III of Murtha Law with estate bequest information

Resignation letter from Charles Odell

Belmont Public Library Expenditures November 2013