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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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Chair Keohane called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Library. Also present were Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Gail Mann, Corinne McCue Olmsted and Mary Stearns, and Director Peter Struzziero.

In attendance were Elisabeth Allison, Chair of the Town of Belmont Planning Board, Mark Paolillo, member of the Board of Selectmen, representatives of the Belmont Media Center, Franklin Tucker, and members of the community.

Chair Keohane introduced attendees and the agenda for the meeting, which was to hear from Ms. Allison about a concept proposal for private development of a mixed-use project in Waverley Square that would include a relocated public library.

Ms. Allison thanked everyone for coming. She described the process and the genesis of the proposal as an idea generated by a member of the Planning Board following a Waverley Square revitalization meeting in January 2017. Ms. Allison reported that the proposal was worked on informally and initially presented to the Planning Board July 11th.

Following the presentation, Ms. Allison and Selectmen Paolillo responded to questions from each of the Trustees. Chair Keohane noted the Trustees' desire to better understand the decision-making process and asked that any existing financial analysis be provided to the Trustees. Ms. Allison noted that the Planning Board had not voted on whether to move ahead with a proposal for rezoning and that the proposal would be considered at the Planning Board's September 5th meeting.

The meeting continued with questions and comments addressed to Ms. Allison and Selectman Paolillo from members of the Community in attendance.

Chair Keohane offered closing remarks, noting the collaborative discussion. She stressed the need for the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to think strategically about Town capital projects needs and neighborhood revitalization, and for plans to take into account the needs of all stakeholders.

Chair Keohane moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Mann seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Mann, Secretary

Exhibits:

- Agenda- August 23, 2017
- Discussion of Waverley Square and South Pleasant Street (July 11, 2017)