

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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Chair Keohane called the special meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in Conference Room 2 of the Belmont Town Hall. Also present were Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mark Carthy, Gail Mann and Mary Stearns, and Director Peter Struzziero. Two interested citizens, Mary Ann Scali and Marsha Semuels, also attended the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve a motion to request that the Board of Selectmen include a warrant article for action at the November 2017 Town Meeting to authorize the appointment and partial funding for a building committee to oversee the preparation of a schematic design for a new Belmont Public Library on the Library's current site.

Trustee Mann reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the Major Capital Projects Working Group and summarized what had transpired at the meeting. The Trustees discussed the purpose of a building committee, and the need for a schematic design in order for the Belmont Library Foundation to proceed with a fundraising campaign. Upon motion by Chair Keohane, seconded by Trustee Mann, the Trustees voted unanimously to request that the Board of Selectmen include an article for the November 13, 2017 special Town Meeting authorizing the Town Moderator to appoint a building committee to oversee preparation of a schematic level design for a new Library to be constructed at the current site of the Belmont Public Library and to approve funds for such schematic design services; provided that ½ of the total cost of such services would be provided by the Belmont Library Foundation.

Mary Ann Scali next reported to the Trustees that the Belmont Council on Aging had unanimously voted against moving the Belmont Public Library to the Waverley car wash site.

Trustee Stearns moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Alligood seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees and the Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting at 7:30 p.m. later in the evening of September 18, 2017 for approximately 15 minutes in the Selectmen's room at the Town Hall to consider the Library Building Committee article for the upcoming November 2017 special Town meeting. The minutes of those proceedings are included in the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes for September 18, 2017.

Next meeting of the Board of Library Trustees will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Flett room of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Mann, Secretary