

Chair Keohane called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Library. Also, present were Trustees Elaine Alligood, Gail Mann, Corinne McCue Olmsted and Mary Stearns, and Director Peter Struzziero. Trustee Carthy was absent. Two library staff members attended the entire meeting and members of the Belmont Stormwater Working Group, including Anne Marie Lambert, Fred Paulsen, Frank Frasier and Roger Colton, attended the first portion of the meeting.

**Wellington Brook presentation by Anne Marie Lambert**

Anne Marie Lambert presented to the Trustees on behalf of the Belmont Stormwater Working Group. She noted that the group had presented to the Library Building Committee on the Wellington Brook. Ms. Lambert discussed pollution, flooding and climate resilience issues and noted funding opportunities to address these issues, including Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grants and Community Preservation Act (CPA) grants.

Ms. Lambert discussed the current CPA initiative to deal with invasive plants at Clay Pit Pound and the recent MVP grant awarded to the Town, suggesting that the Library may want to be represented at appropriate meetings. She also mentioned the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, where Roger Colton serves on the Board, and its relevant work. Ms. Lambert noted areas for additional expertise, including treatment for invasives and hydraulic modeling to better understand flooding risks.

The working group suggested that the Trustees and the Building Committee consider stormwater management issues in connection with the new Library design.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Trustees' June 27, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee Mann, seconded by Trustee Alligood, and voted unanimously.

**Discussion items:**

*Library card initiative:* Director Struzziero reported that he would continue to work with the principal of Chenery Middle School on communicating with 5<sup>th</sup> grade families about obtaining a library card and in coordinating with elementary school principals to pilot a similar effort for Kindergarten students. Director Struzziero and/or staff members also plan to attend kindergarten orientation in early 2020.

**New Business:**

Director Struzziero noted that the installation of the new air conditioning unit was still pending and that he was working with the Town to have it completed as quickly as possible.

**Key user reports:**

*Building Committee:* Chair Keohane noted that the architects were finalizing certain components of the design during the summer quiet period, including reflecting and balancing the interests of the various stakeholders. She noted the desire to schedule a meeting in the fall among the Trustees, the Building

Committee, and the officers/executive committees of the Belmont Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library. Director Struzziero will work on scheduling a meeting. Chair Keohane also emphasized the importance of continuing liaison efforts with key stakeholders.

**Director's Report:** Director Struzziero referred to his report included with the meeting materials. He reported that the parking lot sealing was delayed due to rainy weather in May and June and will now require closing the parking lot for the work since the Library is now open seven days a week. He highlighted that 2019 was the best total circulation year in the history of the Library and the Trustees congratulated him and the staff on this result.

Director Struzziero reported that the director of the Newton Public Library, Phil McNulty, had been named as the executive director of the Minuteman Library Network.

Director Struzziero reminded the Trustees that there would not be a Trustees' meeting in August and that Jessie Bennett would attend the Trustees' regular September meeting as a representative of the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Chair Keohane moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Mann seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Special meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 in the Town Hall. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Library.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Mann, Secretary

**Exhibits:**

- Agenda- July 25, 2019
- Minutes- June 27, 2019
- Director's Report – July 25, 2019
- Current Fiscal Year Data Comparison (Key Performance Indicators)
- BPL Expenditures FY 2019 year-to-date (dated July 25, 2019)
- Work Orders currently in process
- Calendar for Trustee meeting items by month dated July 25, 2019
- Inventory of Belmont Public Library Policies-July 25, 2019
- Article: Community conversations: Leftovers from Town Meeting Part 2: Downstream fixes to upstream problems (by Roger Colton)