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**BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY – LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Sala-Jenny Fallon-Clair Colburn–Bob Schafer–Kathy Keohane–Bob McLaughlin-Heli Tomford–Sally Martin

1 person monitoring the meeting at 617-331-9515

**TIME OF MEETING:** 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

The Meeting Minutes of Nov. 15, 2021 were approved by all members in attendance.

**TRUSTEE UPDATE:** The Trustees have been continuously engaged with the Select Board on the project. The project is expected to be on the Fall 2022 ballot for a debt exclusion. Recent required repairs to the existing building have included replacement of the exterior pole lighting conduit, repair of the failed HVAC control compressor, automatic door repairs and additional electrical issues. Recent MLBC state wide usage reporting shows Belmont again as the 10<sup>th</sup> best in circulation in the state.

Trustees worked with state leaders and have secured \$250,000 for the sole use of the design and construction for a new building.

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** Fundraising continues with more than \$2.0 million raised to date. Additional funds have been committed and are anticipated in pledges. Gift Intention Forms have been developed for significant pledges. Marcie Hirsch, president of the BLF, will be taking a leave of absence from the Library Building Committee to spearhead the BLF fundraising effort.

Discussions are ongoing concerning funding from other sources such as the Kendall insurance fund, the Community Development fund, the CPA, etc

**MEMBERSHIP:** Bart Nelson and Jenny Fallon will be resigning from the committee. Any town residents are welcome to submit a request to become a member of the Library Building Committee.

**MARKETING:** The Belmont Library Foundation in conjunction with Odens-Ello Architects are developing a “Flip Book” to promote the vision of the new library to the public.

**TEMPORARY SPACE:** The library is currently developing contingency plans in the event that the building is no longer operational or deemed safe for public use. In addition, the library is investigating temporary space options during construction. Use of the Benton branch is a possible part of the temporary space option.

**RADIO FREQUENCY ID:** The Library submitted a capital budget request for 2022/23 for \$32,000 to fund RFID technology. Having this technology will support further automation of manual activities and will be useful in the existing and new buildings.

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**REVISED COST ESTIMATE:** Construction commencement for the Library is scheduled for the Spring 2024. A revised cost estimate was developed by CHA at the request of BOLT in Q3 2021. The LBC has requested a quote for a similar update to the cost estimate from Oudens Ello and their estimator A. M. Fogerty. This revised construction cost estimate fee is \$3,500.

**ICE RINK PRELIMINARY DESIGN:** Stephen Sala is a member of the Preliminary Rink Design Committee. The committee was commissioned in December to develop a design proposal for a new/renovated rink. As part of this project, the fields west of Harris Field, the loop parking, the demolition of the White Field House, and the relocation of the underground electrical vault were to be included. However, recent cost escalations in the HMS project have resulted in the field, loop parking, field house, and the electrical vault to be “orphaned”. These auxiliary projects may have to be incorporated into the rink design and budget. The School Committee will have input regarding this project. Schematic design documents and a cost estimate is planned to be submitted for the Spring 2022 Select Board /Town Meeting for approval. If approved, design documents will be developed for construction approval and cost to be funded via a debt exclusion Fall 2002. Construction commencement, if debt exclusion passes, is anticipated to begin Spring 2023 and completion anticipated in the Fall 2024. Temporary ice will have to be provided/found during the construction period. Anticipated cost by Perkins and Will study is \$20 million.

**MBLC LIBRARY FUNDING:** Currently there are 14 communities in line for library construction funding with the MBLC 2016 grant round. There is certainly no current grant round and no certainty on when a new one might be anticipated. Belmont would not be available for MBLC construction funding for a decade or longer.

**THE END**

**Stephen J. Sala    Secretary    APPROVED March 17 2022**