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**BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY – LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 12, 2022
TIME: 8:58 AM

DATE: Thur. April 28, 2022

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Stephen Sala – Heli Tomford – Bob Schafer – Clair Colburn – Peter Struzziero – Kathy Keohane – Steve Engler - Sally Martin

Guests: Marty Bitner – Larry Link – Elaine Alligood – Corine Olmstead

LOCATION: ZOOM Meeting

TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 PM to 6:50 PM

The meeting minutes of March 17, 2022 were approved by the committee.

SELECT BOARD MEETING – April 25: Members of the committee went before the SB to give an update on the New Library progress. All 3 SB members endorsed the New Library project and expressed support for a November 2022 debt exclusion vote. The revised project budget will be shared with the SB and Town Meeting on May 4.

TOWN MEETING PRESENTATION: An update on the Library project as well as a revised cost estimate will be presented to Town Meeting on May 4.

RENDERINGS AND E-BOOK: A new set of architectural renderings and an online flip book displaying the new design is available on the Belmont Library Foundation website.

COST ESTIMATE: A new Total Cost Estimate dated April 2022 was submitted to the committee. This assumes a construction start date of Q1 2024. The revised estimate was developed in a joint effort between AM Fogarty and CHA. Construction costs are up due to COVID and supply issues. Typically costs appreciate 4-6 % a year however increases of over 100% have occurred in various trades such as steel, electrical, gypsum, roofing, etc

CONSTRUCTION OPTION – GC vs CM at Risk: Clair Coburn explained to the committee the differences between choosing a General Contractor (GC) and a Construction Manager (CM) at risk for the project. A premium is associated with the CM at risk method. It was discussed at length and a final decision on this subject was postponed to a future meeting.

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FUNDRAISING: Over \$2.1 million in funding is available for the new building. This includes funds held by the Library Trustees, by the Belmont Library Foundation, and funds from the state (\$250,000). Over 700 people have contributed to the fundraising efforts. Sponsorship and pledge opportunities are available to support the new library building.

TOWN DAY May 21: The Committee is looking for volunteers to staff the booths

INVOICES: The following invoice was approved by the committee:

\$6900 for Odens Ello for updated schematic design, cost estimate oversight, and updated architectural renderings.

The following expenditure was approved by the committee

\$1020 to Odens Ello for e-boards

NEXT MEETING: TBA

THE END Stephen J. Sala - Secretary

