

Belmont Public Library Building Committee

Meeting Minutes Tuesday Sept. 13, 2022 @ 6:30pm  
Written by: Marty Bitner

Location: Zoom meeting

Library Building Committee Members in Attendance  
Peter Struzziero  
Clair Colburn  
Kathleen Keohane  
Sally Martin  
Steve Engler  
Bob Schafer  
Bob McLaughlin  
Heli Tomford  
Marty Bitner  
Jeff Birenbaum  
Tom Gatzunis

Absent:

Public Members: Larry Link

### **Updates**

Belmont Library Foundation has raised >\$5M to date

Clair and Marty wrote an article for Belmont Citizens Forum (<https://www.belmontcitizensforum.org/2022/09/09/town-plans-sustainable-library/>) about sustainability features of the new library building.

The LBC will have an info table on sustainability aspects of the new design at *Belmont Goes Electric* event at Chenery Saturday Sept. 17

Library Tours of the current library building will be given by members of all the Library groups this fall.

### **CHA presentation (Jeff Birenbaum & Tom Gatzunis):**

Schematic design estimate was revised in April 2022 comparing building repairs to new construction. The Board of Trustees created a development budget. CHA explained the goals of an owner's project manager and that the aim is to design in a smart way to avoid disruptive cost savings exercises later in the project. CHA is the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for the Belmont Middle and High School, skating rink, fire station #2, DPW, and police building. If the November vote is successful, envision breaking ground first quarter of 2024. Cost estimating is done in house at CHA and the architect also hires their own cost estimator. \$968,000 is the fee proposal for CHA from November 2022 through end of construction.

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Motion - "Subject to town counsel approval, accept CHA's fee proposal" was approved unanimously.

**Oudens Ello discussion**

Oudens Ello will wait until the results of the November vote before preparing their fee proposal.

Motion - "We will pursue an extension to Oudens Ello's contract after consultation with CHA" was unanimously approved

**Minutes from June 2, 2022** were approved. All voted in favor. Steve Engler abstained since he was absent.

**Next meeting:** TBD