

Town of Belmont  
Warrant Committee  
Human Services Subcommittee

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Minutes of meeting on April 5, 2019 at the Belmont Public Library

Present: Robert McLaughlin, Chair; Michael Crowley; Jenny Fallon

Also Present: Kathy Keohane, Chair, Library Board of Trustees; Peter Struzziero, Library Director; John Marshall, Assistant Town Administrator

Absent: Lynn Read

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

The Library budget for FY 2020 was discussed. The budget is essentially level funded with no major increases in particular line items. One notable increase and accomplishment for next year is \$10,000 being added to fund salaries supporting keeping the Library open on Sundays year-round. The Library will be open seven days a week all year for the first time.

Circulation figures continue to be strong, the 11<sup>th</sup> highest in the state for the third straight year. The trend to e-media continues with significant rises in use. Foot traffic continues to rise.

A continuing challenge for the Library is the current building and how to make prudent investments to maintain the building as a safe, effective space while planning for a new Library. The Library Building Committee continues to work to produce the schematic design for the new building, and the fundraising campaign is progressing. Potential transition plans for when construction is underway was discussed.

An ongoing goal for the Director and the Trustees is thinking about the Library of the future and planning for strategic changes in the staffing model and new skills that will be needed.

Building security and the Library's partnering with other town departments to create programming and provide training was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jenny Fallon