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**Belmont Historic District Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Town Hall, Room 2

Commission Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Harrington, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Pew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lauren Meier, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Solander, Alternate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Chesson | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Smith, Alternate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Fahey | <input type="checkbox"/> Nushin Yazdi, Alternate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracy Marquis | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Cheek, Emeritus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terry McCarthy | <input type="checkbox"/> Lydia Ogilby, Emeritus |

Staff Member(s) Present

- ☒ Spencer Gober, Staff Planner, Office of Community Development

Community Members Present: Dick Pew

1. **7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Lauren Meier, Co-Chair, who then excused herself to attend a concurrent meeting of the Belmont Select Board; meeting then chaired by Lisa Harrington, Co-Chair**
2. **Public Hearings:** No public hearings scheduled
3. **Public Meetings:** No Public Meetings
4. **New Business**
 - a. Select Board hearing for antenna locations at 223 Channing Rd and 30 Leonard St. was being conducted concurrently.
 - b. Sue Pew presented images of business signage affixed to historic buildings from Lee, MA. These illustrate questionable practices for historic building signage, as does the banner affixed to the former firehouse at 50 Leonard St. and the "To Rent" signage at the Homer House. Consider for next month's agenda after a Commission member examines carefully.

5. Continuing Discussions

- a. CPC Update and appointment: Co-Chair Lisa Harrington asked to have her CPC Chair appointment concluded after 11 years of service.
- b. List of Town-owned historic assets: No Action
- c. Work Plan: HDC Priorities
 - i. Review Priorities: No Action

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- ii. General Bylaws: No Action
- iii. Guidelines, Mapping and Website Subcommittee: Make website easier to navigate by putting categories into smaller units. Further discussion tabled until the June Meeting.
- iv. Historic Preservation Tools: Postpone action to June Meeting
- v. Inventory Form Revisions: Postpone action to June meeting
- vi. McLean Barn: The contractor, Calhess Restoration and Weatherproofing Corp from Westwood, MA, the low bidder with a base price of \$124,000, is well qualified to complete the work and has been approved for Stage 1, Stabilization. The Land Management Committee is dealing with the issue of lighting around the barn. There was considerable discussion about how the building might be secured, respected, and preserved.
- vii. Municipal Light Building: No Discussion
- viii. Pleasant Street Signs: No Action
- ix. Police Station: Town Meeting approved CPA application and additional construction funding.

6. Minutes

- a. Review and approval of minutes
 - The March minutes were approved as amended

Next Meeting scheduled to be held on June 11th in Town Hall Conference Room 2: Minutes:
Michael Chesson

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth (Sue) Pew