

MINUTES for BELMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**Tuesday
March 10, 2015 at 7:00pm**

Town Hall, Conference Room 2

Commission Members Present: Joseph Cornish, Lisa Harrington, Arleyn Levee, Theresa McCarthy, Lauren Meier, Lydia Ogilby and Michael Smith

Eagle Scout Project for New Plantings at Town Hall: Eagle Scout Calvin Reinhardt-Ertman presented his proposal for replacing the existing plantings at the east entrance of the Town Hall. The commission approved the proposal and work is planned to begin in late-April/early-May.

Proposed Moratorium on Over-sized Single-Family Dwellings:

Belmont residents Peg Callahan of 21 Sargent Road and Stephen Pinkerton of 139 Dalton Road presented on their current work to propose a 1 year moratorium for over-sized houses in their neighborhood. House sizes vary throughout town; however, in their neighborhood there is a trend of housing being torn down and replaced with houses of a much larger scale than what currently exists. The proposed moratorium will limit a height of new construction in this neighborhood to 32 feet. Commission members agreed to support this proposed moratorium.

Update on Survey Project:

Commission Co-Chair Joseph Cornish reported that consultant Lisa Mausolf continues to work on refining the list of proposed properties to be surveyed.

Demolition Delay Bylaw Status:

Commission Co-Chair Joseph Cornish reported that no Planning Board liaison has been assigned to work with the Belmont Historic District Commission on this project. Co-Chair Cornish will reach out to the Planning Board after Town Meeting.

Nominations for Belmont Historical Society Preservation Awards:

Members of the Commission suggested nominating Northland Company for its work to rehabilitate the McLean Stables, South Cottage and Upham House.

Update on Historic District Signs:

Commission Co-Chair Joseph Cornish reported that the signs on Pleasant Street will soon be ready for installation.