

Meeting Minutes Report

Date & Time: January 11, 7:00PM

Present: Michael Smith, *Co-chair Historic District Commission*
Paul Bell, *Co-chair HDC member*
Lydia Ogilby, *HDC Emerita*
Arleyn Levee, *HDC member*
Lisa Harrington, *HDC member*
Peter Guinness, *HDC member*
Roger Colton, *Member of the Town of Belmont Energy Committee*

Absent:

Richard Pichette
Richard Cheek,
Lauren Meier
Nancy Richards
Joe Cornish

By: Allan Vanderley, *HDC member*

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The purpose of the monthly meeting was to review the agenda items previously posted. Non-attending members are encouraged to please notify either Co-chair as soon as possible to allow time to prepare the agenda for discussion. The items discussed were as follows:

Item: *Description:*

Action:

1. TREE BYLAW: Mr' Roger Colton reported on the progress of the Town of Belmont Energy Committee and presented a proposal for a bylaw identifying trees as a cost effective way of capturing carbon within the Town and saving energy. Mr' Colton reviewed the specifics of the impetus by the Town of Belmont Comprehensive Plan and the Climate Action Plan. In addition Roger reviewed the specifics of the intent of the Bylaw known as the "Tree Preservation and Maintenance By-Law" [DRAFT, December 22. 2010].

Commission members shared some observations in the language in the Bylaw that effect definition, procedure, and jurisdiction. Specifically it was noted the "Heritage Tree" designation provision was intently excluded from the language to not confuse issues of "historical significance" with issues of "preservation and energy".

The Energy Committee is looking to have the Tree Preservation and Maintenance By-Law be proposed for consideration for Town adoption by Sustainable Belmont. Roger requested the Commission to consider cosponsoring the By-Law proposal and to help develop acceptable language to introduce the Heritage Tree Protection provision.

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2. OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

2.1 Town Hall Tree: Mr' Smith said the Town was seeking HDC input on the planning of the Town Hall building front drive in consideration of the removal of a dying tree. Mr' Smith will seek further clarification.

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2.2 Train Station Landscaping: It was requested that the Commission and the Energy Committee be cognizant of the landscaped area near the Granite Bridge Train Station as plans are discussed for improvements to Belmont Center and the potential bike path development.

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3. NEXT MEETINGS:Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 7:00PM

4. Adjourned 8:45PM

END OF REPORT