

BEMONT VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

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Present: Tim Bowman, Chair; Doug John, Jennifer Page, Mary Power, Paul Solomon

Also present, guests: George Durante, JF Goldstyn, Natalie Leino

The meeting was convened at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Bowman, with introductions of our guests.

The business of the meeting proceeded as follows:

1. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of September 12 were not available; they will be circulated, reviewed and voted upon at the November meeting.
2. New appointments: Paul Solomon reported that, to date this year, the Board of Selectmen has appointed no new members to the Committee. Since the VIC meeting of September 12, Paul has contacted David Kale, Town Administrator. It is Paul's understanding that new members will be appointed to the Committee by the Thanksgiving holiday. By previous agreement with the Board of Selectmen (12/07/09), the Committee will have a total of nine members. There are currently 4 vacancies on the Committee, and a 5<sup>th</sup> will occur when Tim Bowman leaves the Committee on Dec. 31.
3. The committee discussed the two Forums that it has held in previous years that have engaged roughly 100 participants each and reviewed other major Vision Committee initiatives over the years. The committee also brainstormed the following preliminary ideas which would each advance the Vision:
  - Hosting multi-generational neighborhood gatherings –to get to know your neighbors and strengthen communities;
  - Inviting Jeff Speck , a specialist in creating walkable cities/communities who grew up in Belmont, as a featured forum speaker;
  - A focus on the business community: How to support local businesses to help them thrive;
  - Networking with local organizations to bring everyone into discussion about the vision and its implementation.
4. The committee expressed an interest in meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the Vision and how it relates to the selectmen's priorities for the coming year. A discussion with the selectmen would focus on how the VIC can have the greatest impact in continuing to advance the Vision. It was also agreed that concrete planning for our next initiatives would be put on hold until new members are appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Power,  
Secretary pro tem