

Vision 21 Implementation Committee
Minutes - October 18, 2007
Approved Nov. 15, 2007

Members Present: Kirk Hazlett, chair; Joseph Crugnale, Sara Oaklander, Jennifer Page, Alfred Rubin, Paul Santos, Paul Solomon
Also Present: Delores Keefe
Members Absent: Austin Bliss, Vincent deNovellis

1. Administrivia: The meeting convened at 7:10 p.m. The minutes of September 20, 2007 were approved unanimously, with typos corrected.

2. Discussion of membership

" In September we had been informed that the School Committee could no longer send to us a representative. It had been agreed that John Bowe (Chair, School Committee) should be contacted and that we should propose to him that a former School Committee member might be invited to join the Vision Committee to provide that member. This was not done, and it was agreed that Paul Solomon would contact John Bowe and, if Mr. Bowe finds the arrangement acceptable, would invite Kathy Miller to join the committee as a voting member.

" It was also noted, again, that with Jay Szklut no longer attending our meetings, we have a second permanent vacancy. We agreed that we will need to ask the Selectmen to revise our membership requirements, once we have a firm proposal to make.

3. Discussion of Focus and Strategic Planning for the Committee

" Sara proposed that we need to look at the Committee's long-term future, consider how we wish to organize ourselves and lay out our work. She proposed that we have a retreat - perhaps for four hours some Saturday -- with a professional facilitator. The committee agreed that this might be helpful. Sara offered to try to arrange such an event, calling on one of her colleagues to facilitate. (The colleague lives in Belmont.) Sara will let us know.

4. Meet Belmont, Next Steps

" Jennifer and Sara reported that they had not yet done the necessary follow-up steps for Meet Belmont, but would do the following for the next meeting:

- o Craft a questionnaire for attendees
- o Obtain from Laurie Graham the list of attendees, and get it to Kirk for data entry, so the attendees can be sent the questionnaire.

" Jennifer reported on the very nice pot-luck picnic, organized by Terry Bono, in September. Terry does not have an organization at this time, but there may be future opportunities to collaborate or to share lists.

5. Next meeting and future meetings -- Schedule and Frequency of Meetings:

" Kirk announced that he would like us to meet once a month, and we agreed to "test" the viability of changing our regular meeting date to the second Thursday of each month, starting in January, '08. Kirk will poll members about this.

" For the November and December meetings closing out '07, we agreed to meet on Thursday, Nov. 15 (the 3rd Thursday of the month) and on Thursday, December 13 (the 2nd Thursday of the month.)

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Kirk, Al, and Joseph stayed on until 9:00 for an orientation session led by Jennifer, examining how the Vision was developed and adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Page,
Secretary Pro Tempore