

# Meeting Minutes Report

*Date & Time:* November 9, 7:00PM

*Present:* Michael Smith, *Co-chair Historic District Commission*  
Paul Bell, *Co-chair HDC Emerita*  
Lydia Ogilby, *HDC member*  
Lauren Meier, *HDC member*  
Richard Pichette, *HDC member*  
Lisa Harrington, *HDC member*  
Nancy Richards, *HDC member*  
Joe Cornish, *HDC member*  
Peter Gunness, *HDC member*

*Absent:*

Richard Cheek,  
Arleyn Levee

*Distribution:*

All members  
Office of the Town  
Administrator

*By:* Allan Vanderley, *HDC member*

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:

<i>Item:</i>	<i>Description:</i>	<i>Action:</i>
1.	LIASON REPORTS:	
1.1	Belmont Community Preservation Act Committee: Ms' Lisa Harrington reported that upon passage of the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act by the Town the next steps for the committee are;	
A.	By-law: To provide assistance to help write the local By-law for approval by the Board of Selectmen.	BCPAC
B.	Membership: To provide assistance to help the selection process of the five statutory members and four advocacy members to the CPA-commission.	BCPAC
C.	Prioritize: To provide assistance to help set an agenda and mechanism to determine projects for consideration for approval by Town Meeting.	BCPAC
D.	Systems Casestudy: The Committee will study Precedents.	BCPAC
1.2	Demolition Activity:	
A.	Country Club Lane Ranch: The Commission will not agree to sign-off for a demolition permit and will provide a statement of position.	HDC
B.	Beech Street Two-car Garage: The Commission will sign-off for a demolition permit due to its structural condition.	HDC

2. 59 COMMON STREET PROPERTY: Historic District-type property to be sold with an "Open House" scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2010 on a double lot [assessed for approximately \$1.1-million], vintage circa-1760 with a carriage house and separate garage. It was noted that the home was historically understood to be an example of the "Underground-railroad". Michael Smith pointed out that it is also an example of a significant building that effects the character of the community remaining unprotected.
  
3. BELMONT CENTER PLANNING: Meetings to be held December 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
  
4. BHDC RETREAT: To be scheduled for a mid-January weekend with areas of interest to be addressed by representatives to facilitate discussion agenda.
 

4.1 Historical Barn.....	Pichette / Smith	<i>R.P./M.S.</i>
4.2 Community Preservation Act.....	Harrington / Gunness	<i>L.H./P.G.</i>
4.3 Sustainability Review.....	Vanderley	<i>A.V.</i>
4.4 New School Street Historic District.....	Cornish / Meier	<i>J.C./L.M.</i>
4.5 Modernist Preservation.....	Levee / Richards	<i>A.L./N.R.</i>
4.6 Historic Properties Survey.....	T.B.D.	<i>TBD</i>
4.7 Light Department and Police Station Buildings.....	TBD	<i>TBD</i>
  
5. MEETING REPORT REVIEW: October to be reviewed before approval. *S.M.*
  
6. OTHER BUSINESS:
 

6.1 McLean Open Space Naming – A successor to be determined for Commission representation.		<i>HDC</i>
6.2 Belmont Ctr. Railroad Bridge Cleaning – Lisa Harrington offered to help facilitate progress.		<i>L.H.</i>
  
7. NEXT MEETINGS: Next Scheduled Monthly Meetings:
 

7.1 December.....	Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 7:00PM.	
7.2 January.....	Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 7:00PM.	
  
8. Adjourned 8:35PM and approved, submitted for record. *A.V.*

END OF REPORT