

VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

November 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes

(Approved 12/14/06)

Members Present: Austin Bliss, Donna Brescia, Vincent DeNovellis, Meg O'Brien, Jennifer Page, Ann Rittenburg, Paul Santos, Paul Solomon

Members Absent: Sara Oaklander, Jay Szklut, Kirk Hazlett

1. **Administrivia**

- Approval of Minutes from November 2. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- Donna provided copies of a tentative schedule that assigns each of us the minute taking, one person per month (normally first Thursday). We are each responsible for making alternative arrangements (e.g. swap with another VIC member) if we are unable to come to the meeting for which we have been assigned minute-taking duty. The person taking minutes should then send a draft of the minutes to the whole group, no later than one week before the next meeting. Correction and/or additions should be sent back to the author (not to the full group) and we will formally correct the draft at the next meeting.
- The tentative schedule is November 2006 - Paul Santos; December 2006 – Vinnie DeNovellis; January 2007 – Sara Oaklander; February 2007 – Meg O'Brien; March 2007 – Austin Bliss; April 2007 – Kirk Hazlett; May 2007 – Jennifer Page; June 2007 – Donna Brescia; July 2007 – Paul Solomon; August 2007 – Ann Rittenburg; September 2007 – Jay Szklut.

2. **Announcement and updates**

- The Harvard Lawn ex-firehouse project has received four proposals.
- The Farmer's Market closed for the year on October 26
- Sustainable Belmont is pursuing implementation of the anti-idling campaign
- The Selectmen have produced a draft of an Energy and Resources Policy Statement. It promulgates a policy for the Town that includes efforts like the Climate Action Plan being created by Sustainable Belmont.
- We voted unanimously to support the Martin Luther King event, hosted by Belmont Against Racism, on January 15. We still have to commit ourselves to help at the event.

3. **Request from Chair:**

- Donna requested that each member identify a focus area for their work over the next year, based on Vision goals. One way is to look at "A Working Vision for Belmont" (an up-to-date printout, from our Town webpage was distributed at the meeting) and pick something. Comments were made that some of us are liaisons that therefore have a de facto focus area, (e.g. Ann on Education). We will revisit this at future meetings.

4. **Work-groups:**

- Photo-contest – there was no progress to report
- Interactive Display – Paul Santos has a flesh-out of the project image "thing" he will circulate to the work group. There are no volunteers yet to flesh out the "Science Fair" or "Web form" "things".
- There was a discussion of how we could make progress in the work-groups without violating open meeting rules. We need to work out a procedure of what can be done via e-mail and informal subgroup meetings.
- The meeting room is reserved for December 7.

5. **Next meeting:**

- We will have our monthly formal meeting on December 14, as many could not come to one on December 7.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Santos
Secretary Pro Tempore