

BELMONT VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes, February 20, 2003

[Nota bene: These notes stand in lieu of official minutes, since a quorum of the Committee was not present. They reflect the discussion among members present. No actions or decisions were taken.]

Members present: Jenny Fallon, Joe Green, Meg O'Brien, Paul Solomon, Barry Winston
Members absent: Martin Greco, Matt Hausmann, Tim Higgins, Bill Hofmann, Sara Oaklander, Jennifer Page
Also present: Delores Keefe

1. Joe Greene convened the group at 7:10 P.M. With no quorum present, no votes were taken to approve the minutes of January 23 or February 6.

2. Slide Presentation: Sue Bass and three other members of the Citizens Forum presented the draft of a slide show on the Trapelo Road/ Belmont Street corridor, seeking feedback. They expect to present this program to the public in April. A number of comments were made on the accuracy of information and the impression of the slides. Joe Green informed them on the history of a number of properties in the area, and facts regarding the traffic lights under the control of the State.

3. Report: Public Information and Communications Planning Group. Meg O'Brien, convener of the group, reminded us that this is the second planning group, which the Selectmen had asked the Vision Committee to launch. Its mandate is to develop new, and improve existing, methods of reciprocal information sharing and communication between the public and town government.

Meg O'Brien reported that the group had held its first meeting.

* Representatives from various constituencies reported on what their groups are working on. The people who are on the committee seem to be very knowledgeable. More people will be added for the next meeting. Meg will share the names with us at our next meeting.

* In their initial meeting, members learned that approximately 70% of the town is on the Internet. Some discussion on who they are and how to reach the other 30% ensued.

* Linda Pinkow will be invited to a future meeting.

4. Reflecting on the Vision Committee meeting with the Selectmen in early February, regarding our study of Business Concerns:

Paul Solomon thought the meeting went very well. He suggested that there be follow-up with the Selectmen to ensure their follow-through on accepted recommendations. Concern was expressed that it was likely the people who were at the meeting were aware of the process the Vision Committee went through to develop our recommendations, but it was also likely that the people watching on television may not have known where the information came from. The group agreed that the schedule would not have allowed for more time (we already exceeded that allotted to us) for a more thorough review of the background, but we will want to consider this perspective for future presentations.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 18, 7:00 PM. Place to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Winston, Secretary Pro Tem

