

**BELMONT VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, October 20, 2015  
ROOM 4, TOWN HALL, 7:00 PM  
MEETING MINUTES

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ATTENDING: All appointed committee members were present. George Durante, Chair, Natalie Leino, Vice Chair, Donald Mercier, Jennifer Page, Doug John, Allen Babroudi, Carol Trager, Paul Solomon (who recently indicated that he would not seek reappointment to the committee) and Mary Power.

George Durante called the VIC meeting to order shortly after 7:00 PM.

I. Minutes for 8/18/2015 and 9/15/2015 were unanimously approved with Paul's edits incorporated.

II. SURVEY REPORT DISTRIBUTION: UPDATE/DISCUSSION

George reported that he attended the September 28 meeting of the Board of Selectmen and spoke in public comment about the Committee's desire to present the report to the Selectmen formally. (The report was delivered to the BOS last spring.) The selectmen commented that they would like to hear the report presented at a future meeting though George indicated that he had made multiple requests to be scheduled but had not yet been given time.

George reported that the VIC has been contacted by a resident who requested that the report be made available to the public and who proposed filing a Freedom of Information Act request to get the report if needed. George advised the resident to refrain from filing since the VIC continued to seek a time to review the report findings with the BOS, a prerequisite to having the report made public on the Town's website.

Each committee member expressed frustration that while the BOS has had the report for six months, the BOS has not allocated time for the VIC to make a brief presentation as we've requested. Don suggested that the committee could distribute the report without a presentation to the BOS. After discussion, the VIC agreed that it is preferable to first present the report to the BOS as they have requested. The committee discussed how George and other committee members should reach out again to Town Hall and emphasize our unanimous concern that the many people who participated in the survey should be able to review the information gathered.

The VIC discussed whether a PowerPoint presentation summarizing survey findings would be helpful at the BOS meeting when scheduled. It was agreed that George, joined by other committee members, would verbally summarize key points and be available to present to other Town committees in greater detail.

III. NEXT INITIATIVE UPDATES

#### A.) CENTRALIZED COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The committee discussed a centralized events calendar as a priority based on the survey feedback that residents want more information about what is happening in Town. George had reached out to both the Citizen Herald and the Belmontonian and heard back from the Belmontonian that there was interest in coordinating. It was suggested that we invite Franklin Tucker to a future meeting and look into examples in other towns. It was also suggested that we break out categories since there are many types of Town, school, recreation, senior, etc. events and activities. The committee divided into two subcommittees to advance the centralized calendar. One subcommittee will look at technology templates and best practice examples. The second subcommittee will look at marketing

#### B.) SPEAKER SERIES

The VIC decided that it would focus on the Centralized Calendar as a priority for now.

#### IV. GOALS FOR OUR NEXT MEETING:

The VIC agreed that the goals would be to coordinate further on report distribution and the centralized calendar initiative.

#### V. OTHER BUSINESS

A.) VIC vacancy: VIC members discussed the need to have a new member to replace Paul who will step down when a new committee member is appointed. George understood that there have been no recent applicants. The committee also discussed the need to have a BOS liaison as in the past.

B.) MEET BELMONT STEWARDSHIP: Jennifer reminded the VIC that it needs to identify future coordinators for Meet Belmont and that she and Sara will serve as advisors.

#### VI. ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned shortly after 9PM.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Respectfully submitted, Mary Power