

Belmont Vision Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2013, Flett Room, Belmont Town Library

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Members in attendance: Tim Bowman (chair), Jennifer Page, Paul Solomon, Mary Power, April Edrington, Doug John.

Guests present: John Kolterman and Kate Bowen

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Vision Implementation Committee and Sustainable Belmont will once again have a table at Town day, this year on May 18. Jennifer agreed to again coordinate the day with several committee members volunteering to staff the table. It was noted that the space is donated to the committee by Lawndale Reality.

Jennifer Page introduced Sustainable Belmont chair John Kolterman and member Kate Bowen. Jennifer gave a brief history of the formation of Sustainable Belmont (SB) and its relationship as a sub-committee of the Vision Implementation Committee (VIC). John reviewed the accomplishments of SB over the last year, including: the sale and distribution of 90+ rain barrels, facilitating many home energy audits and green garden tours, collaboration with other groups such as Sustainable Middlesex and other local community organizations, contributions to the Town storm water by-law being considered by Town Meeting, collaboration with the Town Energy Committee and Belmont Municipal Light Department, and their public speaker series. John then went on to explain their proposed new leadership model: one year terms for a chair elect, chair, and chair emeritus. By doing this they believe they will create a more sustainable leadership model for the group. John will be stepping down as chair and into the chair emeritus role this summer, Kate into the role as chair, and Daryl King as chair elect. The VIC approved the new leadership structure and appointment unanimously.

The committee then turned its attention to Envision Belmont and the possibility of a fall forum on economic development in Belmont. The committee discussed the draft program outline prepared by Wendy Rundle. Further discussion presented the possibility of expanding the forum to urban/town planning to include not only economic development but also sustainable development, quality of life factors, and more. It was decided to invite Economic Development Committee chair Lalg Musserian and Board of Selectmen Mark Paolillo to our next meeting to discuss.

The next meeting date, April 25, is the warrant review night and will be rescheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Bowman