

## Meeting Minutes Report

**Date & Time:** April 13, 2010 7:00PM

**Absent:**

**Present:** Michael Smith, Co-chair Historic District Commission  
 Lisa Harrington, HDC member  
 Arleyn Levee, HDC member  
 Allan Vanderley, HDC member  
 Ms. Rosemary Souly, Historic District property owner, 30 Somerset Street  
 Mr. Edward Bing, Architect for HDC-property owner, 30 Somerset Street

Paul Bell  
 Richard Cheek,  
 Peter Guinness  
 Lydia Ogilby  
 Nancy Richards  
 Richard Fichette  
 Lauren Meier

**By:** Joe Cornish (as HDC member)

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The purpose of the monthly meeting was to review the agenda items previously released by eMail, including hearing the proposed adaptive reuse of the Historic District carriage house at 30 Somerset Street. 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:

Item.	Description.	Action.
1.	<p><b>COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:</b></p> <p>Mr. Joseph Cornish reported that the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan was available for viewing at the consultant's, Larry Koff &amp; Associates, website. Many of the recommendations of the Preservation Resources working group were included. Michael Smith referenced an article in the previous week's Belmont Citizens-Herald where a member of the Board of Selectmen criticized the preservation component of the plan, specifically as it related to preserving town-owned buildings. The plan will be presented to Town Meeting on April 26, 2010 for endorsement.</p>	
2.	<p><b>LIAISON REPORTS</b></p> <p>2.1 <b>Benton Branch Library:</b> There is a movement in town to create a "Friends of the Benton Library" group to keep the building under town ownership. A decision on the future is not expected for at least six months.</p> <p>2.2 <b>Demolition Activities:</b> Joseph Cornish reported on the demolition permit for two early-twentieth century garages located at 67-69 Davis Road which he signed on behalf of the Belmont Historic District Commission. Discussion followed regarding the commission's treatment of proposed demolitions of resources outside the local historic districts. The possible demolition of a house on Howells Road and a house designed by Eleanor Raymond on Kenmore Road that may be endangered were also discussed.</p> <p>2.3 <b>Demolition Review Eylaw:</b> Michael Smith reported that he and Richard Fichette will be working to review this document with Allan Vanderley.</p>	<p>T.B.D.</p> <p>M.S./ R.P. &amp; A.V.</p>