

VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Minutes, May 27, 2010

Approved, June

10 2010

Present: Tim Bowman, Jerome DuBois, Sara Masucci, Jennifer Page, Paul Solomon
Absent: Kevin Heine, Sara Oaklander
Guests: Michael Sattler

1. Meeting Convened at 7:02

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the May 13, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously. Paul will see that they are posted.

3. Update on Envision Belmont

- Column is continuing
- First neighborhood conversation went well
 - 15+ guests (plus VIC)
 - working on future hosts
 - need to move along these conversations in order to ensure that we have a reasonable number completed by October
 - approach religious groups
 - can we engage past Belmont residents?
 - perspective of both insider and outsider
 - commuters
 - perhaps hold a 7-8AM event
 - affinity groups
 - ask to be a part of already scheduled meetings
 - suggestion made that all VIC members host
 - Paul, Jerome, and Michael will host
 - Forum for department heads
 - Engage those who provide services in process
- Meeting on 6/6 to focus on October event
 - Need to consider how to incorporate “Town of Homes” into discussion
 - Development
 - Potential to tear community apart
 - This issue (development) hidden in discussion of “business friendliness” and in “town of homes”
 - Types of development
 - What do we want our community to be?
 - Issue of people who claim to be pro-development but do not want any change to happen
 - Development process can be painful
 - Issue of putting off developers

- Need to work towards reality of development needs
- Conversation about evolution of the Town
 - Provide less
 - Regionalization
 - 3 What does a small New England town mean?
- How does all of the above development discussion connect to conversations?
 - October theme?

4. New Directions

This was a continuation of last meeting's discussion

- Many similarities to committee's goals in the past
- Ways to help town groups work together?
 - Concerns that this would involve the VIC taking a position
 - How would this work?
 - Ideas like a Town Meeting Member Association
- Agreed that there was a strong list generated at the 5/13 meeting and there may not be need to further brainstorming
- We have much to do with current list
 - 3 Envision Belmont
 - 3 Meet Belmont
- We read the Vision Statement while considering future initiatives
 - Reconciling town action with vision
 - Is the vision still pertinent?
 - 10 years old
 - survey done for initial vision
 - Idea of a vision "report card"

5. Committee Leadership

Paul Solomon has been acting chair for FY2010. Tim Bowman will assume chair position, and this will be voted on at the 6/10 meeting. Paul will remain as acting chair through the end of June.

- Need to consider a vice chair position
 - Share responsibilities
 - Make minutes schedule, organize rooms, etc.
 - Tim can suggest person for this role

6. Meet Belmont

Meet Belmont will be held on Thursday, August 26 in the Chenery cafeteria (with air conditioning!). Need help throughout the day, especially at the start.

3-5 Set up

5:30 exhibitors arrive

6-8:30 open

8:30-9 clean up

- Mailings will be sent to all new Belmont home owners from the past 14 months

- Need to work on outreach to renters

7. Website

No new report

8. New Members

- Michael Sattler has submitted application to Town, hopefully appointed at next Board of Selectmen meeting
- Jane Feinberg still needs to submit application to the town

9. Next Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2010

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- Should discuss Town Day
 - What worked, what didn't, future ideas

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Masucci