

VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING, May, 8, 2008
Minutes

Present: Kirk Hazlett (Chair), Vinnie DeNovellis, Jennifer Page, Paul Santos, Paul Solomon

Absent: Austin Bliss, Joseph Crugnale, Sara Oaklander, Al Rubin

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm in the Flett Room of the Library

1.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting were approved, as amended, by a unanimous vote.

2.) UPCOMING EVENTS:

a.) BELMONT TOWN DAY, May 17

The Vision Committee (VIC) will share a table with Sustainable Belmont.

Kirk will distribute a schedule for VIC members to staff the table: 2- hour slots, from 9am to 4pm. 2 members for each slot would be optimal.

Materials to be available at the table:

- " Vision Statement. (Jennifer will make copies)
- " Application for appointment to Town Committees (from the Town website)
- " A one page history of the VIC (Jennifer)

Kirk will check with Austin and Sara regarding the traveling exhibit from last year.

b.) MEET BELMONT (August 21, 6-8:30PM, High School cafeteria)

Sara and Jennifer will contact last year's attendees with the goal of forming a group who will work on the event.

Laurie Graham will reserve the Yahoo site for the exhibitors to apply for the event.

Jennifer will draft a note to last year's exhibitors, for Laurie to send.

Publicity mechanisms will include articles in the local paper, cards, Cable TV, flyers in store windows, and a visible poster at the Farmer's Market administration booth.

c.) PHOTO CONTEST

Kirk suggested conducting the contest in July, and announcing the winners at Meet Belmont. There was discussion about this timing, with concern expressed about lack of participation in the summer, and also the considerable work required.

Kirk will consider these issues, make inquiries, and make a decision by the next (May 22) meeting.

3.) OTHER

a.) SUSTAINABLE BELMONT LEADERSHIP

Heather Tuttle will soon step down as co-chair of Sustainable Belmont (SB)

The VIC had voted during its Jan. 10, 2008 meeting, to appoint the leadership of SB, since SB is a sub group of the Vision Committee. Jennifer Page, acting in the capacity of the VIC liaison to SB, spoke with many active SB members, asking for recommendations for Heather's successor as co-chair.

There was a substantial consensus on John McAlpin. John has indicated that he might be interested in accepting this position.

After considerable discussion over the propriety of the VIC appointing the SB leadership, the following motion was unanimously approved:

"That the Vision Implementation Committee supports the selection of John McAlpin as co-chair or vice chair (to be determined) of Sustainable Belmont."

b.) MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Several members present reported on their on-going efforts to recruit new VIC members.

Paul Santos stated that he will decline re-appointment to the Committee when his term expires in June. He read a very eloquent letter of resignation which he will send to the selectmen's office. Those present thanked him for his very positive words, and for his service on the Committee.

Vinnie DeNovellis stated that he is re-evaluation his commitments, and will leave the Committee in the near future.

It was agreed that at the next VIC meeting, there would be an extended discussion of the 4 areas of activity for the Committee, which had been agreed to at the Feb. 3 retreat:

- * Newcomers' Initiative (Meet Belmont, booklet, Newcomers' Network).
- * Sustainable Belmont
- * Vision Outreach
- * Business Friendly Initiative Follow-up

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Solomon
Secretary pro tem