

VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012, 7:00 PM
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PRESENT: Tim Bowman (chair), Doug John, Jennifer Page, Wendy Rundle, Michael Sattler, Paul Solomon

ABSENT: Jane Feinberg, Sara Masucci

The meeting was convened by the chair at 7:15 PM in Room # 1, Town Hall

I.) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

II.) TOWN DAY RECAP

Doug, Michael, Jane and Tim staffed the Vision Committee table which was shared with Walk Belmont and Sustainable Belmont. The event was well attended.

III.) ENVISION BELMONT 2012 PLANNING

Michael noted that Pete Davis of Commonplace had participated in Belmont's list serve and, in spite of much negative response, Michael felt that the visibility of online groups had been raised.

There followed a wide ranging discussion on how to generate questions to be answered online, all of which would lead to a fall forum.

It was decided not to ask the Selectmen and Town Departments to suggest questions. The Committee then agreed that the following four questions would be placed on Commonplace and Belmont's list serve:

- * What is meant by "Town of Homes", and "preserve the character of Belmont"?
- * What do town businesses need from the Town?
- * What advice do you have for the Town's new leaders: Town Administrator, Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal?
- * What seems to be stopping us from establishing a five-member Board of Selectmen?

Michael will send the four questions to Committee members for comment. He will then put them, serially, on Commonplace and Belmont's list serve.

IV.) MEET BELMONT UPDATE

Jennifer reported that there will be an article about Meet Belmont in this week's Belmont paper, and every 2-3 weeks thereafter. She will also use Belmont Patch and Commonplace.

Since our Municipal Light Department will no longer cover mailing expenses, she will solicit support from Belmont businesses.

Meet Belmont will take place on Tuesday, August 28, 2012.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Michael informed the Committee that at a meeting next month, a friend of his will give a brief report on "Start Up America".

The goal of this project, with funding from the recently approved federal Jobs Act, is to help communities open "Start Up Centers" to help new businesses.

V.) ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Solomon
Secretary Pro Tem