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MINUTES for BELMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

**Tuesday
April 16, 2015 at 7:00pm**

Town Hall, Conference Room 2

Commission Members Present: Joseph Cornish, Theresa McCarthy, Lauren Meier, Lydia Ogilby and Michael Smith

509 Pleasant Street New Exterior Paint Colors:

Property owner Nushin Yazdi presented her proposed exterior colors: from the California Paints Historic Colors of America Color Pallet - "Parsnip" is proposed for the body; and Sherwin Williams "Colonial Revival Gray" is proposed for the trim around the windows.

On motion made and dully seconded the Belmont Historic District Commission voted unanimously to approve the above referenced colors.

Discussion of Proposed Verizon Wireless Antennas at Plymouth Congregational Church:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Belmont Historic District Commission was invited to comment on a proposal to install wireless antennas at the steeple of the Plymouth Congregational Church which is located within the Pleasant Street Historic District. Members of the church including Pastor Joe Zarro were present to discuss the project. Several residents of the neighborhood were present to voice their concerns about the visual impact the antennas will have on the building and the setting of the district, as well as health concerns from having a wireless antenna in the neighborhood. The commission discussed the proposed project and explained to those present that this was an invitation to comment and not a formal review. Commission members discussed the Belmont Historic District Commission's guidelines which conflict with the proposal's proposed use of fiberglass louvers being used to replace existing wood louvers at the steeple. The commission will include this concern in its comments on this project.

Update on Demolition Delay:

Commission members discussed the upcoming sunset provision in 2016 of the demolition delay bylaw and the need to work on a new bylaw.

Update on Survey Project:

Co-Chairs Joseph Cornish and Lauren Meier reported that they have been meeting with the consultant working on this project to refine a final list of properties to be included in the survey.