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**Belmont Historic District Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 7:00 PM  
Town Hall, Conference Room 1

**Commission Members Present:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Harrington, Co-Chair         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sue Pew                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Meier, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Solander, Alternate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Chesson                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Smith, Alternate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Fahey            | <input type="checkbox"/> Nushin Yazdi, Alternate             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tracy Marquis                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Cheek, Emeritus             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry McCarthy         | <input type="checkbox"/> Lydia Ogilby, Emeritus              |

**Staff Member(s) Present**

- ☐ Spencer Gober, Staff Planner, Office of Community Development

**Also Present: Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator**

**Keenan Brinn, Contractor, NB+C**

**1. 7:00 PM Meeting called to order.**

**2. Telecommunications Equipment Proposed at 30 Leonard Street**

- a. This special meeting of the HDC and BH+C (The contractor representing Extenet Systems, Inc.) was organized to discuss the proposed telecommunications applications at 30 Leonard Street and an alternative location on Moore Street in preparation for a meeting with the Select Board Wednesday, June 5.
  - L. Meier said that the HDC received notification (Section 106) on June 21, 2018 and the HDC responded by letter on July 13, 2018 expressing concerns over the treatment with appurtenances on the decorative light poles and proximity to historic assets.
  - L. Meier distributed an 11x17 map showing the cluster of historic assets in the vicinity of the proposed telecommunications equipment at 30 Leonard Street including: portions of the Historic District; buildings eligible for or on the National Register of Historic Places; Buildings with a Historic Preservation Restriction; and Buildings on the Town's List of Significant Historic Buildings
  - K. Brinn said that Extenet will withdraw their application for 30 Leonard Street and are in the process of looking for other suitable applications in nearby locations.
  - P. Garvin asked that the application for 223 Channing Street also be withdrawn in advance of the Select Board meeting. K. Brinn said he would check with his client.

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- P. Garvin said that the Belmont IT Committee is examining the issues of telecommunications systems and best options.
- Discussion followed with K. Brinn answering various questions from Commission members regarding constraints and issues pertaining to the design and placement of systems. K. Brinn said that much of the technology has advanced significantly in the past 12-18 months and new applications are being implemented in urban locations, including historic areas.
- L. Meier explained the process for public hearings with the HDC and suggested that any new application be submitted to Spencer Gober at the Community Development Department three weeks in advance of a regularly scheduled HDC meeting.
- Because the review period required for a submission is only sixty days, P. Garvin suggested that the applicant obtain the informal approval of the HDC prior to submitting their application.

**3. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Smith