

Approved: 1/18/07

VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 7, 2006

Members present: Austin Bliss, Donna Brescia, Vincent DeNovellis, Sara Oaklander, Meg O'Brien, Jennifer Page, Paul Santos, Paul Solomon, Kirk Hazlett, Jay Szklut
Members absent: Ann Rittenburg, Delores Keefe

1) Administrativa

- a. Chair person, Donna Brescia, convened meeting at 7:00 P.M. She there after announced that the first 45 minutes would be dedicated to individual work group dynamics. Exploring, defining, crystallizing specifics and advancing action planning.
- b. Work groups met in separate arenas to address/explore, identify and possibly redefine action steps. Work Groups reconvened at 7:45 P.M.
- c. During the review of the November 14th minutes the issue re: utilization of the email process between committee members to expedite-improve interactions was surfaced by Paul Santos. The statement "need to work out a policy" generated extensive discussion. The parameters re: adherence to the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Laws were again visited. Sara requested "procedures" be substituted for "policy". The minutes were approved as amended.

2) Individual sub-committees there after provided a "point in time" overview of their work in terms of planning status of each project. Each group highlighted expectations, shortfalls, conveying apprehensions as well as overall optimism.

- a. Feedback from the group referring to their project - not yet named - was provided by Sara Oaklander and Paul Santos. The group envisions the 2 potential projects: 1) a computer generated slide show or 2) a standing "story board" - either of which would have images, language describing the Vision. This display will be geared for group display/ presentation and hopefully would generate constructive feedback from viewers. The group will work towards identifying which project might be actualized in the next few weeks.
- b. The Photo Contest group overview was addressed by Kirk Hazlett. Their plans included announcing the concept of a photo contest that would encourage participants/registrants to provide photo images of examples of the Vision in Town. Their plan also included press coverage, notices to Town members, etc., for marketing this concept, development of rules for the contest and a judges panel, and connecting to businesses for locations for displaying the photo contest entries. The final judging of the Photo contest submissions - and the awarding of prizes - is scheduled for Town Day, May 19, 2007.

3) Community Connections:

- a. Reminder: Martin Luther King celebration at the high school on January 15th is being hosted by Belmont Against Racism, cosponsored by Vision 21 Implementation Committee. Committee members are encouraged to attend and asked to volunteer. Dr. Prothrow-Stith, a nationally recognized public speaker and Director of Harvard's School of Public Health is the featured speaker.
- b. Generating new ideas for community types of "VISION" related activities was introduced by Donna - i.e: block parties, New Year celebrations, etc. Donna asked group members to generate ideas and bring them to the group.
- c. Paul Solomon provided feedback/information addressing the need to educate the community regarding making town government more efficient. He presented a statement, approved by the Board of Selectmen, that provides an energy policy for the Town.

4. New and Other Business:

Confirmation of January meetings:
January 4th, 7p: subgroup meetings
January 18th, 7:15p - Regular meeting of VIC

Meeting (subgroup will meet at 6:30p)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vincent DeNovellis, Secretary Pro Tempore