

MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2007

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order.

Attendance: Karl Haglund, Chair; Jenny Fallon; Sami Baghdady; Carla Moynihan;
Jay Szklut, Staff;
Absent: Andres Rojas

Minutes of July 10, 2007 approved.

Capital Projects Overview Committee - No update.

Belmont Center Planning Group - Mr. Baghdady reported that Selectman Firenze attended the most recent meeting and updated the Committee on the status of the Bridge Cleaning project. Additionally, the Committee is in the process of drafting a new plan for the Center to include renderings and drawings.

7:30 p.m. Senior Center Update

Staff reported that the merging of the lots is now complete. New single lot has been recorded. New parking plan along Beech Street with 7' sidewalk is currently being drawn by the Town Engineer. No update on landscaping and photometric plans has been received.

Moved by Fallon to have staff send a memo to Boards, Committees and Department Heads documenting Board's original decision and status of placePlaceNameSenior PlaceTypeCenter approval.

Seconded by Moynihan
Approved Unanimously

7:45 p.m. Discussion - Residential Parking

Board members generally supported the memo drafted by staff. The Board felt that several items should be added or incorporated into the recommendations. These include:

- Selectmen should hold public hearings to hear resident views.
- An upper limit on vehicle parking should be considered.
- Specifics of parking to be incorporated into new regulations need resolution in order for Planning Board to act.
- Implementation/enforcement issues need to be considered.

Mr. Baghdady expressed reservations with a cost associated with obtaining a sticker for an additional vehicle to be parked. Board members noted that individuals would simply not hold a sticker indefinitely and rather than have an annual cost the sticker could have a fixed expiration date.

The Board agreed that several details need further discussion but would like the memo forwarded to the Selectmen to begin public discussion. Jay was asked to revise the memo

and to submit to Mr. Rojas for his comments prior to sending memo to Board of Selectmen.

8:15 p.m. Planning Board Topics

The Board was reminded that they were on the Selectmen's agenda for September 17th to discuss comprehensive planning. As it has been several months since this topic was discussed, the Board reviewed their previous concerns and re-emphasized their desire to gain the support of the Board of Selectmen to continue the process for developing a comprehensive plan and in particular to identify a scope of work that recognizes the aspects of comprehensive planning appropriate for the Belmont context.

Jay provided the Board with an updated calendar and requested the Board prioritize other topics to be considered over the course of the next year. The Board endorsed Waverley Square, Rules and Regulations and Comprehensive Planning as their higher priority items. It was also noted that the Board would like an updated Open Space Plan completed.

The Board tentatively approved a public meeting on Waverley Square for November 1 and to schedule an update on Rules and Regulations for October 17.

9:15 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 26, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Auditorium