

BELMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town Hall

Jan 7, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Richard Cheek, Michael Smith, Paul Bell, Arleyn Levee, Lydia Ogilby, Nancy Richards, Allan Vanderley and Peter Gunness

Update on effort to preserve the Benton Library as a Town building

Richard Cheek reported the following:

- * Town Selectmen support the idea of town organizations using the Benton Library for meetings and other events with the hope that user organizations can find/raise funds to support yearly utility and maintenance costs.
- * Some of the programs discussed centered around after school tutoring, non-profit group meetings, service clubs and meeting space for the Belmont Historical Society.
- * If the Belmont Historical Society could move its entire operation to the Benton it could free-up valuable space in the Town Library for expanded services.

Update on Commission appointments

Mike Smith noted that the resumes of Joe Cornish and Lauren Meier will be sent to Tom Younger in the next few days for Selectman review and approval.

Other old or new business

- Lydia Ogilby reported that she will be supplying additional historical data and a map to State Commission members which shows the location of a Belmont 18th century farm, the home of Abraham Hill, within the "Silver Maple Forest". This land is presently being reviewed by State authorities for environmental impact as it relates to a developer proposed building project.
- Arleyn Levee present two architectural reference books to chairman Mike Smith for the purpose of aiding future project review meetings. The books are MacFarlane's Casting vol. 1 & 2, Historical Arts and Casting Inc. and Authentic Details for Design and Restoration, Peter J. Harrison. Peter J. Harrison,

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Bell