

Belmont Economic Development Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes For 04/07/11

Attendees: Nicholas Iannuzzi , Anthony Leccese, Robert Mahoney, Lalg Musserian, Tommasina Olson, Erik Rhodin, Andres Rojas, Stephen Savarese, Jay Szklut, Edmund Starzec, Angelo Firenze (BOS Liaison)

Absent: Matt Sullivan

Minutes:

- Meeting opened at 8:05 am by Bob Mahoney
- The genesis and background around the Belmont Comprehensive Plan, which was commissioned by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board, was discussed.
- Discussion ensued about the Comprehensive Plan, the goals of the Plan, and the objectives of the study.
- Discussion was held around the current commercial development landscape, and how this team would go about entertaining zoning changes and/or financial benefits, or even other incentives to generate developer interest in Belmont. No conclusions or decisions were made.
- Group discussed 3 general space “classifications” to bear in mind when speaking about economic development: (1) underutilized spaces, (2) Upgrading of current spaces and (3) brand new space development.
- Group discussed the need to balance economic development with zoning and planning board input, while being mindful of the neighborhood and citizen concerns.
- Group decided to invite Larry Koff of Larry Koff and Associates, to give an overview and presentation of the Belmont Comprehensive Plan he had completed in 2010. Bob Mahoney would extend an invitation to Larry to attend and present at the April 21 meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

All meeting materials are on file at the Office of Planning and Economic Development in the Town Hall