

VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 22, 2010

Attendees: Kevin Cunningham, Jerome Dubois, Jane Feinberg, Kevin Heine, Sara Masucci, Jennifer Page, Michael Sattler, Paul Solomon, Ralph Jones

Absent: Tim Bowman, Chair

- **Call to Order**

Sara Masucci called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and served as Acting Chair for the meeting. Attendees provided brief bios as a way of introducing/reintroducing themselves to each other and the recently appointed VIC members, Jerome Dubois and Jane Feinberg. The July 8, 2010 VIC meeting minutes were unanimously approved, with changes.

- **Meet Belmont Update**

Sara Oaklander has been assisting Jennifer Page with the preparation for this August 26, 2010 event. Jennifer distributed guidelines for distributing Meet Belmont flyers and assigned areas throughout town for attendees to post/distribute Meet Belmont flyers. Friday, August 20 is the deadline for posting flyers.

The Belmont Car Wash, Inc. has once again provided generous financial support for Meet Belmont and the VIC is grateful for their continued support.

- **Envision Belmont Progress Report**

The Envision Belmont column running in the Citizen herald still needs writers, reported Sara Masucci. Jane Feinberg suggested audio records as a possible way to capture additional individual perspectives for inclusion in future columns. Jane has recently collected audios and finds it effectively eliminates any hurdles people may have with writing. Another option is to collect videos, perhaps with the assistance of the Belmont Media Center.

On Saturday, July 17, Jerome Dubois hosted a Neighborhood Conversation as part of Envision Belmont. While a range of subjects were discussed and a good “flow” of conversation developed among the participants, the uniformity of participant’s views may not have reflected the true diversity of views that exist within the neighborhood. Topics discussed included schools, roads, and recreation and differing opinions were provided on each. The lack of business development was also discussed. All participants were drawn to Belmont for the schools.

Sara Masucci indicated a number of questions still surround the October Community Conversation event, including:

- 3 Should the VIC facilitate instead of host the event?

- 3 How do you ensure conversations continue (for example, among the Selectman) after the meeting?
- 3 What can be done to ensure a diverse group of attendees?
 - 4 Does Belmont have a strategic plan, or is this a potential deliverable groups formed at the event could continue to develop after the event?
 - 4 What makes attendees comfortable and willing to participate: small groups or larger groups, self-selected or pre-selected agenda topics, etc.?
 - 4 What type of actionable information would the Selectman like to see come out of the event?
 - 4 Should open space technology, like that used at the Entwhistle's school forum, be used at this event?

4 Other

Ralph Jones, responding to the question of what could the VIC do to encourage participation by him and other Selectman at future VIC meetings, said simply providing regular invites and agendas would be helpful.

8 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Heine
Secretary pro tem