

**TOWN OF BELMONT  
PLANNING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES  
September 25, 2006**

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**Joint Meeting before Board of Selectmen**

**8:15 p.m.** Meeting called to order. Paul Solomon chaired.

Attendance: Karl Haglund; Andrew McClurg; Jennifer Fallon; Sami Baghdady; Andres Rojas; Jay Szklut, Staff

**Discussion - Planning Board Review of Municipal Building Projects**

Mr. Haglund cited the relevant section of the zoning by-law requiring Design and site Plan Review by the Planning Board. It is the intent of the Planning board to work cooperatively with the Permanent Building Committee to insure the best project possible for the Town. Pat Brusck of the PBC noted the importance of getting early input from the Planning Board and that while another layer of review may be less efficient, it is more effective in promoting better projects. The main role of planning board review is to improve the exterior environment (landscape) of a project and to mitigate impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Board of Selectmen thanked the Board and the representatives of the permanent building committee and looked forward to improved projects in the future.

Dr. Solomon then requested an update from the Board on the Trapelo Road corridor study and the Cushing Square revitalization effort. Mr. McClurg gave an overview of the evolution of current efforts beginning with the Economic Development Study authored by the Cecil Group. the transportation design component is at the 25% design phase.

Mr. Baghdady presented an overview of the proposed Cushing Square Overlay Zone. The Board of Selectmen supported the concept and the general framework of the amendment but reserved further endorsement until such time as the amendment language was finalized.

9:15 Meeting Adjourned

*Approved  
Unanimously  
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