

VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

March 15, 2016

Minutes

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:09 by Vice Chair Natalie Leino since the chair George Durante could not be present. Present: Natalie Leino, Donald Mercier, Jennifer Page, Mary Power, Paul Solomon, Carol Trager. Not present: Allen Babroudi, George Durante, Doug John.

Minutes: Jennifer Page moved approval of the February minutes. Paul Solomon seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with Power and Mercier who were not present at the February meeting abstaining.

Survey report update: The survey went out to Town Meeting Members and committee's in December. It was agreed that committee members would review Natalie's list of committees whose work is relevant to the VIC survey findings and determine which committees we should contact and offer to meet.

Community calendar: Franklin has not been active on the proposal since discussions with him last fall/winter. It was decided we would reach out to see if there is any continuing interest.

Volunteer appreciation event. The committee discussed the type of event that would be suitable for recognizing volunteers. It was agreed that a restaurant would be an ideal location if there were a local restaurant interested in offering space. It was agreed that the first year would focus on Town volunteerism and in future years we could focus on school, youth and recreation volunteerism for example.

Meet BELMONT 2016: Jennifer reported that there have been no individuals who have volunteered to take on the leadership of Meet Belmont and it may therefor be necessary to have a year without a Meet Belmont event. The committee discussed what would happen if it were suspended. Members expressed significant concern about the possibility of not continuing the event that has become very important to new residents and Town organizations. Natalie suggested that a steering committee could run the event. Carol offered that she may be willing to serve on a steering committee and also noted that Allen might be willing to serve on such committee. The committee discussed the role of the Town in planning such an event and it was agreed that town engagement is important particularly if a steering committee guided and shaped the event. Carol and Natalie agreed to meet with Allen to consider the option of organizing committee for Meet Belmont and possibly also an annual volunteer recognition event.

Next meeting: it was agreed that given the school vacation during which the number of members knew they would not be able to attend, the next meeting would take place on April 12.

Adjournment: Carol moved adjournment and the meeting was adjourned on a unanimous vote at 8:19.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Power