Belmont Heritage Commission September 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Members attending: Vicki Donovan, Priscilla Annis, Jack Donovan, Ben Rolfe, Jill Rolfe, Claire Bickford, and Sharon Ciampi. Absent: Susan Roache. **Approval of July 16, 2026 Minutes:** Motion to accept by Jack, seconded by Priscilla and unanimously approved. **Meeting called to order**: 6:15 P.M. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:20 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Bank Building - Board of Selectmen sent letter 8/20 to Commission asking for input regarding Boards decision to move forward with demolition of the bank building. Letter stated role of Commission input advising the Town on matters affecting the community's historical resources. Bank building overview was first provided by Sharon including a typed- up summary. Sharon stated that both 1996 and 2010 charettes recommended demolition. Mark Lewandowski followed with explanation of the number of repairs that need to be done to save the building, problems with drainage and if property were to be sold that the Town would lose a considerable portion and or control of the Village area. Other noted information given: Total estimated cost for full demo is $38K with road department having material to regrade the slope. Asbestos removal IF found is up to $20K but there was an inspection done showing no asbestos, but certificate not located yet. Another inspection cost would be $2500. Bank was built sometime between 1950- 1962. No one really knows exact date. Jack commented on lack of background information and felt that more time needed to review summary and information presented. He made a motion to table vote, seconded by Claire and unanimously approved. Subject tabled until members do more research. Mark gave copies of documentation for members to look through.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Home Day – Made $45.00 selling hats and suncatchers. Vicki will deposit the cash to financial director.

250th Concert – Military Band cost was $650.00, rainy day so concert under Pavillion. Band very impressed with historical area to perform in.

Student Representative - Belmont High School Junior - Allyson Rolfe has submitted application.

Heritage Community Awards- 3 nominations have been submitted.

Budget 2027 – Discussed budget goals for 2027. Decided Commission's budget of $250.00 to stay same as 2026. Will again submit a warrant article for $2500.00 for 2027 projects and submit application to Sargent Fund toward assisting Senior Citizens Project in February.

Respectfully submitted _____ *Ben Rolfe (Secretary)*

Next Meeting: vote on Bank Building TBD