

## **Vision 21 Implementation Committee**

### **SUSTAINABLE BELMONT**

#### **MANDATE**

(Adopted by Vision 21 Implementation Committee May 5, 2005)

#### **Introduction:**

The Working Vision for Belmont's Future, unanimously adopted by Belmont Town Meeting in April 2001, includes the following statements:

- We will be an environmentally responsible community and conserve our natural habitats.
- We protect the beauty and character of our natural settings.

#### **Charge:**

A working task force of the Vision 21 Implementation Committee, to be known as "Sustainable Belmont," will be established. It will develop and implement a variety of activities and initiatives to assist Belmont's government, residents, and businesses in becoming a more environmentally responsible community.

#### **Process:**

The Task Force, known as Sustainable Belmont, will:

- Establish a series of initial goals based on the needs and priorities of the community and the interests of its members; and develop a projected time-line for implementation. These goals, the time line, and progress toward implementing them will be reviewed with the Vision Committee annually.
- Develop and implement a realistic action plan by which these goals will be achieved.
- Review and revise the goals periodically, in conjunction with the memberships of Sustainable Belmont and the Vision Committee. (Revision might reflect changes in the Town as it becomes more environmentally responsible or changes in State and Federal initiatives; new initiatives in Belmont would be launched accordingly.)
- Inform the community of Belmont of its work and invite public participation and involvement in determining the goals and in the implementation of them. Additionally, the task force will check from time to time to ensure that the goals continue to resonate with the public.
- Survey nearby communities to learn about their organizations, programs and projects, and priorities, and investigate possibilities for collaboration.

#### **Timeline:**

This Task Force will continue its endeavors on a quasi-permanent basis; that is, until or unless either the Vision Implementation Committee or the Task Force recommends a new structure or approach to the implementation of the overarching goal.

#### **Membership:**

The Task Force membership will be drawn initially from volunteers who have worked on the Environmental Fair or otherwise expressed interest in joining. The Task Force will continue to recruit members through various publicity campaigns. A member of the Vision 21 Implementation Committee will serve as liaison to the Task Force.