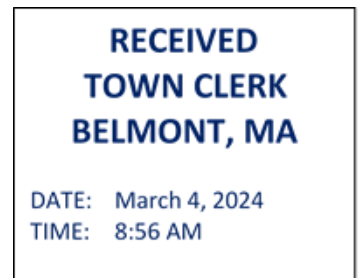


Minutes for November 15, 2023, Energy Committee Meeting

Present

- Roger Wrubel
- James Booth (Chairman)
- Ellie Lesser
- Marty Bitner
- John Kolterman
- Brian Kopperl
- Greg Piotrowicz
- Claus Becker (Scribe)



Meeting called to order at 19:00 o'clock.

Business per Agenda

1. Approval of Oct. 25th minutes. Approved by all present excepting Miss Lesser who did not attend the October meeting and abstained.
2. Debrief on Town Meeting Vote on Specialized Code.
Discussion of Town Meeting session and take-aways from success in passing proposal.
3. Town vehicle fleet electrification – meeting with Highland Electric Fleets.
DPW and Brian Kopperl Bitner to meet eFleets on November 28th with Belmont Light. Also, meeting with Highland Fleets on December 5th at DPW. Discussing other candidates for electrification, the committee noted that electric garbage trucks used in NYC and cities in Europe.
4. EV School Buses – parking, CEC grant for parking
Roger W reported speaking w Glenn Clancy. Based on preliminary analysis, space for school buses and chargers won't be a problem at Transfer Station on Concord Ave., a 15-acre site. Also, there is room available for bus drivers to park their private car. Final step is to engage Selectboard. Roger W offered to meet with the School Committee.
5. Green Communities Climate Leader designation – opportunity?
Green communities are eligible for grants from DOER. A document from Green Communities outlines what needs to be done to be a green community in good standing. Very doable. Brian Kopperl will ask for meeting w Selectperson Dionne to discuss.
6. Reports:
 - a. BMHS Solar
Kopperl reported: Solar panels expected operational January 2024
 - b. Belmont Light
Looking for new representative, so no news
 - c. Library Building Committee
Bitner reported: construction moving forward according to plan. Nov 22nd is date of library closing. Building expected demolished March 2024

d. Structural Change Implementation Committee

Kolterman reported: no new energy-related developments

e. Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee

Becker reported: the CCBC is preparing for spring budget review and prioritization

f. Sherman Gardens

No news

Miss Lesser reported that Belmont High Climate Action Club are trying to install an energy meter at BHS and Chenery to collect statistics about benefits of solar energy.

7. New business

The committee discussed new rules from EPA concerning heat pump refrigerant which will take effect in 2025.

8. Next Regular Meeting: Wed. Dec. 20, at 19 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 21 o'clock.