

## **Belmont Energy Committee - Meeting Minutes**

May 18, 2022

DATE: June 16, 2022  
TIME: 9:15 AM

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes was called to order at 19:00 o'clock as a virtual meeting led by Marty Bitner.

### **Present**

- Marty Bitner – Co-chair
- James Booth – Co-chair
- Brian Kopperl – Select Board Appointee
- Francesca Kitch – Select Board Appointee
- Greg Piotrowicz – Select Board Appointee
- Alex Thurston – Select Board Appointee
- Roger Wrubel – School Dept. Appointee
- Claus C Becker – Select Board Appointee and Scribe
- John Kolterman (guest)
- Phil Thayer (guest)
- Ben Thivierge - Belmont Light

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by all as distributed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the April 13, 2022 joint meeting with EDC meeting was approved unanimously as distributed.

The Energy Committee minutes for the April 13, 2022 meeting was approved unanimously as distributed. This is not the same meeting as mentioned above.

## **Open Issues**

### *Virtual open house*

Agreement among committee members that having a virtual open house again to discuss green technology (electric cars, electric garden tools, heat pumps, solar hot water,...) would be a good idea. A combination of prerecorded videos and live Q and A. Last year approximately eighty people attended. Ben Thivierge offered Belmont Light as host for the event. Wednesday June 22 at 19:00 o'clock was tentatively scheduled.

### *Belmont fuel tanks*

Town has an underground fuel tank at the DPW which the town says needs to be replaced to ensure a fuel reserve will always be available. Town suggested above-ground solution as it would be less expensive. Neighbors are fighting this for safety and aesthetic reasons, and also because questions have been raised regarding whether the 40-year old tanks actually are leaking. The below-ground solution is projected to cost more than a million dollars. For comparison, that is approximately the price for a battery storing 2MWh.

### *Municipal skating rink and playing fields committee*

Committee agreed that skating rink should be net-zero and that it is not helpful at this point to recommend specific technologies. Ice rinks consume massive amounts of energy. Approved unanimously amendment except Roger Wrubel who recused himself since amendment was his proposal.

### *Solar panel - Grand opening*

May 27<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting at Chenery at 09:00 o'clock. Open to the public. The committee thanked Phil Thayer for his efforts to make this happen.

### *Planning board decision*

Greg Piotrowicz reported that the Planning board issued final permit for McLean zone 3. Some of the Energy Committee recommendations were included (e.g. induction cooking) but water heating could be gas powered.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 20:53 o'clock. Next meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 19:00 o'clock.