

Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

October 25th, 2023

Opening

The regular meeting of the Belmont Energy Committee came to order at 19 o'clock as a virtual meeting led by James Booth.

Present

- Claus C Becker – Scribe
- James Booth – Chair
- John Kolterman
- Greg Piotrowicz
- Marty Bitner
- Brian Kopperl
- Roger Wrubel

Absent

- Ellie Lesser

Guest: Larry Link

Approval of May 17th and Sept 29th Minutes

The May minutes were approved with no changes and without opposition. The September minutes were approved by all present after minor deletion.

Roger Wrubel presented his draft presentation on the Specialized Building Code. Key points are

- Enhances the Stretch code that was adopted by ~300 towns in MA in 2011
- New code already adopted by 24 MA towns representing a quarter of the state's population
- Code applies only to new residential and commercial construction
- Very large homes (>4k sq ft) must have onsite renewable energy generation equal to consumption
- Building certified as *passive* do not have to follow Specialized Building Code.

Open Issues

1. Next Steps Regarding EVs For Town Fleet

Brian Kopperl is still trying to get a meeting with Town managers who are stakeholders in EV use. Roger Wrubel is still trying to get an answer from Glen Clancy regarding possibility of electric bus parking at the transfer station.

2. Reports

a. *BMHS Solar*

Brian Kopperl reported that solar panels continue to be laid down as planned. Expected to be operational in February 2024. Approximately one megawatt capacity with expected production of ~1.15MWh/yr

b. *Belmont Light Municipal Light Board*

Ben Thivierge has left Belmont Light and this committee

c. *Library Building Committee*

Supply of power to library may need to be routed under Concord Ave. A suitable place would need to be found

d. *Structural Change Committee*

Hiring of police officers in Belmont may change if requirement to follow Civil Service rules are changed

e. *Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee*

Claus Becker updated committee on effort to prepare budgets for spring Town Meeting

f. *Sherman Gardens*

No news to report

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 21 o'clock. Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15, 19:00 o'clock.