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**Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2013**

**Attending:** Ian Todreas, Fred Domenici, Roger Colton, Jan Kruse, Chris McVay, Lauri Mancinelli, Tony Barnes (guest)

Co-chair Ian Todreas opened the meeting at 8:10AM.

1. **March 2013 minutes** were reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. **Zipcars.**
  - a. Ian is speaking with Enterprise about possibly putting two cars in Waverley Square with two spots at a reduced rate. Ian suggested we might want to mount an outreach effort in the Waverley area to encourage memberships. Committee decided to wait until fall to see if we have resources to put into doing this.
  - b. Fred said that the Schools signed up for Enterprise rental car under a State contract but ran into a snag with Zipcar (for last-minute needs) because they only take credit cards which Town of Belmont doesn't have. Fred will talk with the School Dept. Business & Finance Director to see if there is a work-around.
3. **Next Step Living heat pump initiative.** Roger met with John Massie at NSL to work with us on outreach. Assessor's database identified 2,400 single-family homes with heating sources for electricity, fuel oil or propane that would be candidates for mini-split heat pumps. NSL will help promote the heat pumps. There is an event scheduled at Patou's on May 9 and half of those homeowners eligible would be invited, with two more events scheduled in the future. There will be a mailing on Board of Selectmen letterhead explaining about the program. Then NSL will send canvassing teams to the homes that received notices to encourage them to attend the informational meeting. They anticipate about 30-40 homeowners might attend. NLS invited committee members to shadow the auditors (Fred, Ian, Roger and Tony noted they would like to participate). They also offered to create a logo and purchased the website domain Better Homes Belmont. NSL will pay to plant a tree in town for each heat pump system sold. Ian had a phone meeting with the heat pump manufacturer that Sagewell uses (Mitsubishi and installer NETR). NETR is the installer in Worcester. Sagewell thinks that NETR offers the best value in quality control and rebates on mini-splits. Ian contacted the state Dept. of Energy Resources to see if Belmont might qualify as a pilot program so homeowners could get deep discounts. Lauri noted that BMLD needs to devise a rebate; it has done 4 mini-splits thus far and they budgeted for 25.
4. **NSL quality control issues.** Tony spoke with NSL's head of customer service re: a few customer complaints. They are retraining Customer Service Reps. and also doing more cross-group training with subcontractors.
5. **Town Day.** Roger agreed to schedule a table for Town Day. Lauri and Roger will discuss whether it would be NSL or Sagewell staffing the table to promote home energy assessments and heat pumps as well as related rebates.
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Ian adjourned the meeting at 9:08AM.

Minutes written by Jan Kruse.