

Charge to the Belmont Energy Committee

Background: The Belmont Energy Committee was established by the Belmont Board of Selectmen to facilitate, enable, and help the Town of Belmont and its residents, businesses, and institutions to work toward achievement of the Climate Action Plan Resolution (Article 6) adopted by Town Meeting on November 18, 2009. It is a permanent committee that will meet until the goal of reducing the Belmont community's carbon emissions eighty percent (80%) based on the community's 2007 emissions, has been met and maintained.

Composition: The Committee will be comprised of twelve (12) members, four (4) of whom will initially be appointed for three years, four (4) for two years, and four (4) for one year. Subsequently all members will serve three year terms. Efforts will be made to include membership as follows:

- Four (4) representatives who are Town residents appointed by the Selectmen; it is desirable that one of these members be a member of the Town Planning Board or familiar with said Board's objectives
- Two (2) representatives who are Town of Belmont municipal employees approved by the Town Administrator and Selectmen
- Two (2) representatives from the Belmont Public School system who are approved by the Belmont Public Schools Superintendent and School Committee.
- One (1) representative from the Belmont Municipal Light Department or Belmont Municipal Light Advisory Board who is approved by the Selectmen
- One (1) representative of Town institutions (i.e. private schools, hospitals, houses of worship, or other large nonprofit facilities) appointed by the Selectmen
- One (1) representative of Town businesses appointed by the Selectmen
- One (1) representative of Sustainable Belmont appointed by the Selectmen

Responsibilities: It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to facilitate, enable, and help the Town of Belmont and its residents, businesses, and institutions to work toward achievement of the Climate Action Plan Resolution (Article 6) adopted by Town Meeting on November 18, 2009. The Committee shall increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions in Belmont by:

1. Maximizing efficiency within Town operations, purchasing decisions, construction of capital assets, and community planning, through appropriate recognition of energy conservation
2. Promoting conservation and efficiency for Town residents, businesses, and institutions
3. Exploring possibilities for implementing renewable energy use within the Town.

In connection with the Committee's responsibility, it is expected that they shall complete the following tasks:

- Review the revised draft (September 2009) of the Belmont Climate Action Plan and other references as needed to generate recommendations to the Selectmen for areas of activity to continue to move forward toward the achievement of the said goal,
- Research, write, and apply for appropriate grants and financing toward the achievement of the said goal.
- Confer with Town officials or committees, to define action steps, and determine the appropriate method of support by this Committee, as needed.
- Periodically identify the Belmont community's desires and its progress, using a survey and/or other methods.
- Provide an annual written and/or oral assessment to the Town and Town Meeting through the Selectmen on the Belmont community's progress toward achieving said goal.
- Promote Town-wide participation in the implementation process, through a dedicated community-based education and outreach campaign.