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Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes – 10/13/11

Attendees: Jan Kruse
Anthony Alcorn
Ian Todreas
Chris McVay
Roger Colton
Steve Mazzola
Peter Castanino
Glenn Clancy

Jan called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.

Roger distributed the meeting agenda.

Tony requested that changes to the minutes of the last meeting be sent to him.

Jan related that we will continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month at 8AM and that all appointments are to continue.

Roger related that we have some 15 minutes before the BOS on Nov 20 to make an annual report of achievements.

Roger related that BMLD has not had a solar policy and that he is now working with Ashley, Jim Palmer and the Advisory Board to come up with a policy. This will be a net metering policy:

- Reduce monthly bill by amount of solar kwh generated and used.
- Excess solar kwh is bought at the wholesale rate (unlike other utilities). BMLD will pay the ISO "day ahead" (??) cost for excess solar kwh.
- Only up to 2% of BMLD annual production will be allowed in the program.

There followed a long discussion>

Roger related that BMLD has submitted a proposal to DOER for \$50K to implement energy efficiency projects (written by Roger).

- Will promote ESCOs for 3rd party energy efficiency projects.
- BMLD will create a position that will provide technical assistance to 3rd parties (religious, business, institutions etc.) to do energy efficiency projects.

Discussion

It was related that the above could include promoting energy audits as part of real estate transactions. Roger asked who the interested parties might be. From around the table it was suggested:

- Contractors,
- Bankers,
- RE agents,
- Buyers, sellers,
- Inspectors,
- Utilities- gas, electric, oil
- Landlords – residential and non-residential.

Ian spoke on the Transportation Subcommittee activities

Ian contacted New Ride:

- New Ride – You get points for rides with more than one person in the car.
- New Ride collects data on people's riding habits.
- Ian is looking for help with the New Ride project.
- Ian set up a site on Facebook called "Bike Belmont"

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM

Submitted by Tony Alcorn, Recording Secretary