

Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes – 12/08/11

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Attendees: Jan Kruse
Anthony Alcorn
Ian Todreas
Chris McVay
Glenn Clancy

Ian called the meeting to order at 8:20 AM. There was not a quorum.

Ian outlined the agenda:

- Approve the minutes of the 10/13/11 meeting.
- Report of the Transportation subcommittee.
- Review the long term goal of 80% CO2 reduction by 2050

Ian related on-going activities:

1. Roger and Fred are to meet with Tom Kingston regarding PV system for school roof tops.
2. The Planning Board is crafting a Solar Photo Voltaic zoning by-law.
3. Fred will talk to the BEC about a co-generation facility for the high school.
4. Roger to look into the state funding cycle process for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program.

Glen related that Goden Street is to be redone and the town can use some of the SRTS grant \$ to fund some of the sidewalk construction.

Transportation Subcommittee Report (Ian)

1. The message center has been approved by the BOS in a 2 to 1 vote.
2. The bike path effort continues.
3. Bike rack installation has been delayed due to weather. Glenn related that the bike racks will be installed on asphalt (per Peter C.) and can go in now.
4. Ian has created a Facebook page "Bike Belmont". Ian and Judy Otto are the administrators.
5. Zip Cars are coming today. They will be behind the Belmont Center fire station. There are some 200 Zip Car members in Belmont. By accessing the Bike Belmont Facebook page, a new Zip Car member can get a \$50 dollar credit to start. The Zip Car site has calculators and data that show cost, environmental impacts and estimates of cars removed from the roads by this program.

6. Ian contacted Nu-Ride and related that the site pointed to the Watertown-Belmont Chamber of Commerce.
7. Ian related that Belmont should have a community event for walkers and bikers as Cambridge does on Memorial Drive.

Subcommittee Organization

Ian led the discussion to re-establish subcommittee membership.

1. Municipal Subcommittee: Peter, Roger, Fred and Bob.
2. Industrial/Commercial/Institutional Subcommittee: Tony, Andy and Alan

Chris related that we need to put together an op-ed piece for the Citizen Herald for January. Ian is now working on the piece which is to have Roger's and Ian's signatures.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM

Submitted by Tony Alcorn, Recording Secretary