

Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes – 02/10/2011

Attendees: Jan Kruse
Anthony Alcorn
Ian Todreas
Chris McVay
Roger Colton
Glenn Clancy
Steve Mazzola
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Roger called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

The minutes for the 01/11/2011 Belmont Energy Committee meeting were reviewed, corrected. Ian moved to accept the minutes, Andy seconded and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Roger stated that this meeting would be taken up primarily with reports from the Municipal/Commercial and Transportation sub-committees.

Municipal/Commercial sub-committee:

Roger reported that the municipal/commercial sub-committee had met but had not come up with any initiatives, and, while a second Esco project was suggested there did not appear to be a good rationale for it. Roger had investigated life cycle costing as a tool to understand energy use and cost through the life cycle of a building and reported that it was a very complex topic.

Roger also related that with tight budgets, preventative maintenance for energy efficiency is hard to implement and that the Belmont Energy Committee should be an ally in restoring such maintenance budgets.

There then occurred a discussion about the energy efficiency of town buildings and what maintenance items impact energy efficiency: Ian suggested that the Energy Star Portfolio Manager be used to understand the energy efficiency of each building. Ian also suggested that we need somebody to do data entry into this tool as a first step. Glenn related that we should first talk with Kevin Mahoney. Tony agreed to look at the tool and to call Kevin Mahoney.

There occurred a more extensive discussion of maintenance items and energy efficiency.

Transportation Sub-committee:

- Glenn passed out and briefly reviewed a map of current bike facilities and trails in the town of Belmont.
- Ian spoke to progress on promoting bike racks at schools, the library and the Farmers Market.
- Ian is to meet with Zip Car on bringing Zip Car into Belmont.

- The Belmont Historical Commission now is not interested in the beautification of the Railway Station. This effort is moving to the Garden Club.

Other Topics:

Roger related that The Belmont Historical Commission and Sustainable Belmont have endorsed the Tree By-Law but that the Planning Board has reservations about overloading the tree warden.

Ian related that Mark Breslow will attend the public hearing on the Stretch Code.

Tony moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 AM. Glenn seconded this motion.

Submitted by Tony Alcorn, Recording Secretary