

Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
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Attending: Roger Colton (chair), Ian Todreas, Donald Mercier, Jan Kruse (vice chair), Tony Barnes, Andy Healy.
Guest: Vincent Stanton

Chair Roger Colton opened the meeting at 8:05 AM.

1. **May 2016 meeting minutes** were unanimously approved with one amendment.
2. **Belmont Goes Solar (BGS) update.** Roger Colton said that he has not yet connected with Belmont Facilities Chair Gerry Boyle to discuss siting of the solar array for the town that Direct Energy Solar (the BGS campaign preferred installer) will install for free due to BGS selling more than 200 solar systems. As of last week, there were 212 solar arrays sold in Belmont. Questions were asked re: next steps for the campaign; Jan Kruse noted that the BGS Steering Committee will need to decide but right now the focus is to finish the campaign ending June 30.
3. **Electric Vehicle (EV) campaign.** Ian Todreas noted that the concept of a community EV campaign was presented to the Board of Selectmen by Belmont Light (BL) with the assistance of Sagewell (contractor of Belmont Light). The BOS wants the Belmont Light Advisory Committee to weigh in before deciding if the campaign should move forward. It was presented as a BL program with the assistance of others. Ian, James Booth, and Jan Kruse met with Sagewell to discuss aggregate demand from residents to negotiate discounts with auto dealerships for four types of EVs. Ian noted that we need to get out in front with this initiative and get input from all stakeholders. BL and the Energy Committee (EC) hosted a gathering and invited 40 people in town who are known to be interested in EV. Six people RSVPd and 20 people came. Several people brought EVs for people to test drive; and BL provided pizza at this meet and greet. 25 people introduced themselves and why they chose to come. Most people were passionate about driving EVs and evangelists about getting others to do so. Many people expressed concern about BL's role and involvement; there was some minimal concern about the BL tariff and charging cars off-peak. At the June 27th BOS meeting, the Selectmen were going to discuss the EV campaign but he doesn't know how it went as he couldn't attend. Becca Keane at BL has a roster of all who attended the EV meet and greet event. Don Mercier brought up the need for direct load control to help the overall system. Colton agreed and noted it should also be applied to air conditioners and other peak contributing devices.
4. **EC membership and vacancies.** Roger reviewed suggested changes to the EC charge and the group discussed. Kruse made a motion to accept draft as is, allowing 2 weeks for feedback from committee members to RC and RC be allowed to decide which feedback to incorporate. Tony Barnes seconded. 5 members approved and 1 member (Mercier) dissented. Motion passed.
5. **Update:** Andy Healy noted that McLean Hospital recently won a Green Health award for energy efficiency improvements from the National Green Health Association.

Chair Colton closed the meeting at 9:17 AM.

Minutes written by Vice Chair Jan Kruse.