

Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes 09/08/11

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Attendees: Anthony Alcorn  
Ian Todreas  
Chris McVay  
Fred Domanici  
Roger Colton  
Jan Kruse

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A quorum was reached at 8:15 and Ian opened the meeting

Roger distributed two documents: 1) the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program and 2) Section of 6A of the Town of Belmont Zoning By-Law (McLean District).

Roger placed two agenda items before the group 1) New Appointments and confirmation of continuing terms and 2) A Belmont Energy Committee accomplishments report for the BOS, to be done by January. Ian added a report from the Transportation subcommittee to the agenda.  
Discussion:

- Roger related that Sandra (Town Clerks office) told him that all current appointments are continuing.
- On the issue of Allan Vanderkey not attending meetings; Roger will call Allan about Allan's intentions and Chris will call Ellen about the process of a new appointment if necessary.
- Roger will make a PowerPoint presentation on the accomplishments of the committee and will distribute that to all committee members.
- Ian suggested we write an editorial for the newspaper (@200 words). Jan proposed that she convert the above PowerPoint presentation report into an editorial piece.

Transportation Subcommittee:

Ian is to start an outreach program target residents regarding local transportation alternatives to driving alone. He is recruiting Deb Lockett and Judy Otto to help. Among the things to discuss will be how to measure progress and success.

Ian also mentioned that there is a funding opportunity coming up from Mass DOT for transportation-related improvement projects. In discussion about how much sidewalk could be

put in with \$50K, Fred related that under a current contract, 180 feet of sidewalk will be installed for \$12K. We concluded that about 600 feet of sidewalk could be installed for \$50K. Ian will continue to monitor the funding opportunity and encourages the town to develop a list of "shovel ready" transportation improvement projects so that when the opportunity arises, the BEC is prepared to submit an application.

Other Discussion:

Fred proposed to make Cogeneration presentation to the Belmont Energy Committee. He related that he has invited a company (s?) to submit a cogeneration proposal for the high school.

Tony proposed that he write a note to the group about his analysis of the past ESCO project and to talk with Ginny Falon on the matter.

Chris asked about where BMLD was on the issue of net-metering. Roger responded that the BMLD board was coming up with a net-metering option.

Roger then provided a detailed update on various planning and development initiatives for solar electric energy in the Town of Belmont. He concluded this update with the announcement of a public meeting at the town hall on Sept 20 in which several solar electric system providers will make presentations and will take questions from the floor. The meeting was organized and will be hosted by Phil Thayer.

Ian adjourned the meeting at 9:06 AM

Submitted by Tony Alcorn, Recording Secretary