

**Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 9, 2016**

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**Attending:** Roger Colton (chair), Ian Todreas, Donald Mercier, James Booth, Jan Kruse (vice chair) and Tony Barnes. **Guests:** John Marzec and Phil Thayer

Chair Roger Colton opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

1. **February 2016 meeting minutes** were unanimously approved with the amendments submitted by Tony Barnes and Donald Mercier.
2. **Updates:** Roger Colton noted that as promised he submitted an article for the Belmont Light spring newsletter on tips for saving energy when drying clothes. He thanked Tony Barnes for his edits. Colton also noted that as of 6:15 PM tonight, the Belmont Goes Solar (BGS) campaign had sold 114 solar rooftop systems and that the BGS steering committee had changed its goal to 200 rooftop systems in 2016 from the previous goal of 100 solar systems.
3. **Energy Committee Project priorities.** Tony Barnes began the discussion by giving an overview of a spreadsheet of suggested actions for the Committee to pursue over approximately the next year. All the action items fall under one of the committee's previously voted on high-level goals, which are:
  - a. **Communications**
  - b. **Support solar**
  - c. **Select targeted, measurable, visible projects**

After review and discussion of 19 suggested topics on the list generated last month, the committee decided on the following projects.

1. Create a communications sub-committee to work on a dedicated outreach and communications program. Vice chair Jan Kruse is the lead and James Booth and Ian Todreas will also work on this project.
2. Support solar: Roger Colton and Jan Kruse will co-lead
3. Selected targeted, measurable visible projects:
  - a. Collaborate with Belmont Light on energy efficiency policies and programs (Roger Colton is lead)
  - b. Promote residential electric vehicles: James Booth and Ian Todreas will co-lead. Ian volunteered to speak with the four Belmont residents who presented at a recent Sustainable Belmont meeting about electric vehicles re: this campaign.

There was consensus from all attending committee members to work on these campaigns through at least June 2017.

Tony Barnes agreed to update the spreadsheet (see attached) and email to all members of the committee.

4. **Committee membership seats.** Roger Colton reported that he spoke with Andy Healey (institutional representative) who indicated he would like to remain on the committee. Roger also spoke with Jim Palmer at Belmont Light about getting BL's position on the Energy Committee filled; it has been vacant since BL staff Lauri Mancinelli left the department. Palmer suggested that a member of the Belmont Light Advisory Board be asked to fill the slot. Roger to follow up. Ian Todreas noted that he had spoken to two members of Belmont's faith committee re: the institutional position and one pastor is

interested in the committee's work and would like to come observe a meeting. Pastor Dane Esling of Beacon Community Church may attend the April meeting.

5. **Action items.** Jan Kruse said she would email Ian Todreas Doug John's contact information from the Church of Latter Day Saints to also inquire if he might be interested in working with the committee. Roger Colton said he would speak with the Selectmen's Office about getting James Booth added to the Energy Committee page on the Town website as one of the Belmont Public School representatives and Don Mercier added as the Business representative. John Marzec is interested in being appointed to fill the open Town employee position (previously filled by DPW head Peter Castanino until his retirement); John will speak with his supervisor, Gerry Boyle, about being appointed. Colton also said he would speak with Town Clerk Ellen Cushman as to when Andy Healey and Glenn Clancy's tenures were up.

Chair Colton closed the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Minutes written and submitted by Vice Chair Jan Kruse.