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**Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2014**

**Attending:** Jacob Knowles, Roger Colton, Christine McVay, Ian Todreas, and Jan Kruse. Guests: Gerald Boyle and Tom Gallagher for Andy Healy

Co-chair Ian Todreas opened the meeting at 8:08AM.

1. **January 2014 meeting minutes** were unanimously approved.
2. **Better Homes Belmont.** Ian reported that Sagewell was creating a robust website for BHB and it should be going live soon. Tony and Ian are working on a promotional calendar. Ian drafted 3 media releases to help promote the program. We have two photo opps: 1 with Sagewell and the Energy Committee presenting a \$500 check to the Belmont Food Pantry and the 7 trees purchased for the town as a result of the successful mini-split heat pump program.
3. **Solarize Belmont program.** Jan reported that the program is likely stalled due to BMLD's phase 2 net metering policy. Sustainable Belmont may pursue solar thermal instead but no decision had been made yet.
4. **Green Community status.** Gerald Boyle set in on the last meeting and noted that the Town has begun gathering information to address criteria 1, 2, & 5. For #4, language needs to be adopted by the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen. # 3 would include a commitment for the town sector to reduce its energy consumption 20% over 5 years. Guardian Energy has been approved by the state Dept. of Energy Resources to do the audit and they would then get the contract to do the work. Other companies being considered: Peregrine and MAPC. Guardian gave the committee a presentation. Gerald spoke with someone who works for the City of Cambridge and they used Prism Energy so Belmont will also interview that company. Belmont will need to select a third potential vendor to interview. Gerald noted that it is anticipated that Belmont would receive a one-time award of approximately \$150,000 in state money and then be able to participate in ongoing competitive grants only open to Green Community municipalities. The success rate for being approved for a grant is high.
5. **Underwood Pool Net-Zero status.** Jake has sent an energy calculator to the architect of the pool design and asked for feedback but hasn't heard back. Anne Paulsen said they wanted to wait until after the April 1 town vote before deciding whether to pursue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03AM by Ian Todreas.

Minutes written by Jan Kruse.