

Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2013

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In attendance: Ian Todreas, Roger Colton, Fred Domenici, Christine McVay, Tony Barnes, Jacob Knowles and Gerald Boyle (guest)

1. Roger opened the meeting at 8:13AM. Minutes were distributed and approved.
2. **BMLD Residential and Energy Efficiency Policy.** Roger reported that in mid Sept MLAB approved a new residential and efficiency policy. On Oct 1, the BOS approved the policy. The policy sets energy efficiency and energy production on an equal level. Whichever presents the least cost will be adopted to serve demand needs. It also establishes a cost effectiveness test. BMLD will publish a report annually on accomplishments and plans. In BMLD's FY14 budget, BMLD will fund the hiring of a consultant to develop a plan according to the policy for implementation in FY 15. No measurable goals or annual emission reduction targets are included in the plan.
3. **Green Communities.** The EC met with Sustainable Belmont in September regarding the application to become a Green Community. Becky Rosen agreed to spearhead the effort. *ACTION ITEM: David Kale, and Becky will meet to discuss criteria, especially Criteria 5 which requires the town to pursue energy reduction measures.*
4. **Better Homes.** Ian reported that Next Step Living can no longer support activities in Belmont and that a subcommittee met with Sagewell, who is interested in partnering with BMLD and the EC to continue conducting outreach to promote free home energy assessments and possibly mini split assessments and installation. *ACTION ITEM: Ian to reconvene subcommittee to set next steps with Sagewell.*
5. **Belmont Center Train Station.** Ian reported that he is organizing a "knit/yarn bombing" display at the station with Belmont knitters. *ACTION ITEM: Ian will put together a plan, convene knitters, and establish roles and responsibilities for the EC and knit leaders. Input and leadership is welcome.*
6. **Net Zero Energy Underwood Pool.** Roger and Jake have been in communication with Joel Moony and Anne Paulsen to provide input into the scope of the RFP to renovate the pool. *ACTION ITEM: Jake will continue to support Joel throughout the scoping and contractor selection process. Jake and Gerald agreed to meet separately to coordinate efforts to promote NZE goals for the Underwood.*
7. **Belmont Energy Projects.** Roger circulated a list of energy projects the EC has decided to pursue. *ACTION ITEM: All members of the committee should review the list and send comments to Roger, who will compile a master list.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04AM. Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 14, 2013 at 8AM.

Minutes written by Ian Todreas.