

Belmont Energy Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
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Attending: Tony Barnes, Roger Colton, Gerald Boyle, Lauri Mancinelli, Jan Kruse, James Booth (guest)

8:05 am: Co-chair Roger Colton opened the meeting.

1. **December 2014 minutes** were reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. **Update re: Belmont Light residential energy grant and rebate program.**  
Lauri Mancinelli said the program was doing well. It was a little slow in December due to the holidays but in the first two months 43 out of 100 weatherizations were completed. Belmont Light expected 5 heat pump installations and had 8 thus far. The program vendor (Sagewell) was doing well and the Energy Committee has been helpful with outreach to the community, especially through the Belmont Public Schools listserv. Belmont Light ran an ad in the Belmont Citizen-Herald and also included a bill notice. There is no start date yet for the 100 LED streetlight installations but those do not need to be completed until April 2016. Belmont Light's Director of Operations will decide which ones to do in conjunction with the Town. Gerry Boyle added that he and Craig Spinelli from Belmont Light met with the City of Cambridge electrician and noted that the Board of Selectmen wants the Green Community work to be coordinated with Belmont Light's work.
3. **Energy Committee projects and inventory of Climate Action Plan (CAP) recommendations.** Tony Barnes noted that he received three additional committee member responses to updating the excel spreadsheet with the 128 recommendations in Belmont's Climate Action Plan and that he would update it and resend to committee members for review. He still needs to get feedback from Andy Healey. Roger Colton noted that committee members should look for any insights or overlap. Tony recommended that next steps should be to review what the Energy Committee should work on and what some other entity should do. Roger suggested that our February meeting be entirely devoted to next steps but wanted to know from Lauri if there would be any adverse effect on the Belmont Light energy efficiency grant if we didn't have that on the February agenda. Lauri said any work could be handled by the residential subcommittee assisting with that project. All agreed to devote the next meeting to the discussion of Energy Committee projects and the inventory of CAP recommendations. Lauri noted that she had reviewed the CAP and asked how we will measure some of the improvements. Tony agreed that some items may not be measurable but that the goal should be for improvement. Roger noted and Gerry agreed that many of the CAP recommendations were more aspirational. Gerry suggested we separate the actionable projects vs. aspirational and then focus on the former. Regarding the Greenhouse Gas inventory, Jan Kruse noted that we should form a subcommittee to work on that issue and email the chair of Sustainable Belmont regarding selecting some people to help with that work. Tony then went over reasons for

doing the revised CAP to determine our progress in meeting the committee charge (80% reduction and maintaining of GHG reduction by 2080). Jan will check with co-chair Ian Todreas to see if he wants to contact Sustainable Belmont chair re: volunteers to assist and if not, she would do it. Tony also noted that we needed a specific goal for this subcommittee. Roger asked Jan and Ian to let Sustainable Belmont know that the Energy Committee is looking forward to having Sustainable Belmont work with us on this project.

4. **New member.** Roger noted just prior to adjournment that Don Mercier was just appointed by the Board of Selectmen as the Business Representative to the Energy Committee and that there were still a couple of vacancies left to fill.

9:06 am: Co-chair Roger Colton closed the meeting.

Minutes written and submitted by Jan Kruse.