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Belmont Energy Committee
Conference Room 4, Town Hall
Wednesday, February 13, 2019

7:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. Review and approve January minutes
2. Review action items from January meeting.
3. Review Belmont Climate Action Plan Roadmap outreach
 - a. Discuss public meetings re. Roadmap (Roger)
 - b. Review web page (Yvonne)
4. "We're Still In" discussion: Belmont Light action (Travis)
5. Emission Free / Roadmap resolution for Town Meeting (Roger)
6. Facilities update:
 - a. Chenery solar update
 - b. Library update
 - c. Housing Authority update
 - d. Old incinerator site
7. McLean development proposal (Roger).
8. Belmont Library Foundation: Putnam event (Better Together event) sponsorship (Roger).
(see attachment)
9. Belmont Light: Green Power campaign (Adrienne)
10. Report on current projects:
 - a. Belmont Drives Electric (Marty)
 - b. Heat Smart application (with Belmont Light) (James)
 - c. Old incinerator site (Travis)
11. Report from Belmont Light Advisory Board (LBAC) (Travis)
12. New business
13. Adjournment.

BETTER TOGETHER:

A TOWN WIDE DISCUSSION ABOUT INSPIRING COMMUNITY IN BELMONT

Featuring Dr. Robert Putnam, Author and Professor, Harvard University

Sunday, April 28, 3-5 pm, Beech Street Center

On Sunday afternoon, April 28, you are invited to participate in an inspiring discussion about community building in Belmont. Belmont is a strong, vital community, in part because we work hard at it. In a small town of 26,000 residents, we have hundreds of thriving organizations with thousands of volunteers who engage many more in activities centered around shared interests and action. With Dr. Robert Putnam, author of the bestselling books *Better Together* and *Bowling Alone*, we will explore new ways of thinking about community and ideas we can use in Belmont to create new connections, support our communal and civic institutions, and become an ever stronger community.

ROBERT PUTNAM is the author of *Better Together: Restoring the American Community* – a book about innovative people, organizations, and civic institutions that are playing a vital role in renewing their communities, investing in new forms of social capital, and reweaving the social fabric of our country. Dr. Putnam is a professor of public policy at Harvard University, and one of our nation’s leading researchers on communities, social capital, and public policy. He has received numerous professional honors and has consulted for Presidents Obama, Bush and Clinton, as well as heads of state in Britain, France, Singapore, and more, as well as grassroots leaders and activists in many countries.

A HUB OF OUR COMMUNITY The idea for this program came from discussions by the Belmont Library Foundation about Dr. Putnam’s description of the library as a hub of community. In today’s world, the library is the only place where everyone – for free – can participate in programs, meet up with friends, learn new skills, hold meetings, and so much more – in addition to books and research. Belmont’s library is notably the 11th busiest in Massachusetts, a testament to the strength of our community. We are excited to bring together our people and organizations in a conversation about community in Belmont with Dr. Putnam.

This program is presented by the Belmont Library Foundation, in partnership with several community organizations.

Schedule

2:45 -- 3:00	Community members gather and socialize
3:00 – 3:20	Welcome & Context Setting
3:20 – 3:50	Robert Putnam on Community
3:50 – 4:10	Q&A
4:10 – 4:20	Refreshment Break
4:20 – 4:50	Table Breakout Discussions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What actions and strategies could further strengthen community in Belmont?• How does our library support that goal, both today and in the future?
4:50 - 5:00	Closing

Organization

- Steering Committee – Plans and executes the event. All co-sponsors are invited to serve on the Steering Committee
- Co-sponsors – Individuals and organizations that together host the event and have a participatory role
- Community Sponsors – Organizations that are visible promoters and participants