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Belmont Energy Committee
Conference Room 4, Town Hall

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Review and approve January and February minutes
2. Review action items from February meeting.
3. Review Belmont Climate Action Plan Roadmap outreach
 - a. Outreach for pre-Town Meeting public forums (Roger)
 - b. Report on presentation to School Committee
4. "We're Still In" discussion: Belmont Light action (Travis)
5. Advocating for better building codes: Mass Climate Action Network (Marty) (see attachment)
6. Facilities update:
 - a. Chenery solar update
 - b. Old incinerator site
7. Report on current projects:
 - a. Belmont Drives Electric (Marty)
 - b. Heat Smart (with Belmont Light) (James)
 - c. Belmont Light: Green Power campaign (Adrienne)
8. Report from Belmont Light Advisory Board (LBAC) (Travis)
9. New business
10. Adjournment.

Please note this document is a resource for city councils, boards of selectmen, and energy committees to write to the BBRS in favor of a Net Zero stretch code, but by no means a final product. Feel free to reach out to rebecca@massclimateaction.net to figure out how you can make this template unique to your community and climate goals. Thank you so much!

Date

John Couture, Chair
Kerry Dietz, Vice-Chair
Massachusetts Board of Building Regulation and Standards (BBRS)

Dear Chair Couture and Board Members,

Paragraph I (Please use language very much like this) The _____ [Group] of _____ [Town] urges you to update the current Massachusetts energy stretch code to a Net Zero stretch code. Giving communities the option to adopt a Net Zero stretch code will help achieve our statewide energy efficiency and climate goals, and make buildings safer, more comfortable, and more efficient for families and businesses across the Commonwealth.

Paragraph II (Reasons for stretch code - can change language) Although when the Massachusetts stretch code was first developed it was considerably ahead of the base code, due to the base code catching up, it is no longer a significant improvement. As the Board is likely aware, many communities in Massachusetts, including _____ [Town], are interested in Net Zero community planning and Net Zero buildings. A Net Zero stretch code would give _____ (Town) the opportunity to improve how buildings are built now, getting us closer to meeting our climate goals as outlined by the Global Warming Solutions Act.

Paragraph III (Process - can change language) The process of developing a revised stretch code should seek input from communities on the specific elements to ensure workability, with a clear goal of minimizing carbon pollution. An updated stretch code must address: enhanced thermal envelopes and strategies to reduce base energy use, increased use of electric heat to enable future use of renewables to support grid energy use, attention to resiliency, as well as readiness for electric vehicles, solar, and battery storage.

Paragraph IV (Why a net zero stretch code is important to *your* community) The Town/City of _____ has made commitments to efficiency, resiliency, and clean energy with the goal of becoming a net zero community. *[Examples of work your community has done, and why a net zero stretch code would be crucial to that work.]*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

cc.

Governor Charles Baker
House Speaker Robert DeLeo
Senate President Karen Pilka