

TOWN OF BELMONT
PLANNING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
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8:40 a.m. Meeting called to order.

Attendance: Sami Baghdady (Chair), Charles Clark, Joseph DeStefano, Andres Rojas, Michael Battista, Jeffrey Wheeler (Staff)

Absent: Karl Haglund, Associate Member

8:40 a.m. Discuss and Deliberate Amendments to Solar Energy Systems Zoning Amendments

Sami Baghdady explained the two proposed Special Town Meeting floor amendments to the Solar Energy Systems Article which he submitted. The first amendment makes sure that the proposed Solar Energy Systems zoning provisions are applicable in all zoning districts including the McLean and Uplands Districts and the Cushing, Central and Palfrey and Oakley Neighborhood Overlay Districts. The second amendment is a sunset provision that Mr. Baghdady submitted as a compromise with the Energy Committee. If the Solar Energy Systems Zoning By-law is adopted by Town Meeting it will expire on June 30, 2012. This is proposed so that the Planning Board and Energy Committee can draft a Solar Energy Systems Zoning By-law that both groups can support. Mr. Baghdady expects to present a revised Zoning By-law at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting in April.

**Moved by Andy Rojas to recommend adoption of the proposed amendments. Seconded by Mr. Clark
Motion passed unanimously.**

Following the vote on the proposed amendments, the Board discussed the presentation to Town Meeting. Mr. Baghdady suggested that each of the members participate in a part of the presentation. Discussion then ensued over who would present which part. The Board also discussed various issues and questions that might be asked by Town Meeting.

Mr. Baghdady concluded that conversation by telling the Board that the zoning amendments would be presented on the first night of Town Meeting.

9:10 a.m. Meeting Adjourned