

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

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Minutes of Meeting Feb 08, 2017

Town Hall

8am

Attending: Roger Colton, James Booth, Tony Barnes, Ian Todreas, Marty Bitner, Don Mercier, Travis Franck

Chair Colton opened the meeting at 8:04 AM.

1. Minutes: The meeting minutes for January were approved unanimously.
2. Action items review:
 - DES Free Solar Array update: Plans are moving forward, but we haven't seen them yet. There is a question of whether the installation on Chenery requires a full site review instead of a simple addition of solar to an existing roofline. May possibly run the Chenery solar plans by the Town Council.
 - Belmont Drives Electric: Progressing with test drives and trying to further publicity. There will be a charging station installed in Belmont Center (April timeframe).
 - Energy Storage: Meeting with Becca about the upcoming Storage RFP. Leading to the
3. EC Priority Setting for 2017
 - Project ideas: Home Energy Efficiency (heat pumps, etc.), development opportunities (Cushing Village, Belmont High School), community EV charging stations,
 - Another development opportunity would be the remodeling of the Belmont Public Library. It was believed that solar was not part of the recently announced plans.
 - Infrastructure in Belmont was a thought to be an important priority because solar and energy efficiency is better thought of in the early planning phases of town building projects.
 - Proposed Priorities for 2017
 - Communication Strategy
 - Website update (e.g., Community Highlights)
 - Tools: Best Actions List
 - Education and outreach program
 - Transportation
 - Residential electric vehicles
 - Community Path
 - BL Policy and Programs
 - Renewable portfolio standard
 - Residential EE program support
 - Rate design (e.g., TOU)

- Renewables
 - Residential storage
 - Community storage
 - Community solar
 - Install free solar from Direct Energy
- Infrastructure & Development
 - Support Belmont High School planning
 - Support efficient Cushing Square
 - Existing town buildings
- We attempted to assign contact persons to individual projects.
- We review the final priorities list and vote on it next meeting.

Proposed Topics for next time: Talk about assigning people to the town development priorities.

Action Items:

- Talk with Town Council about Chenery solar panels
- Continue work on Community Solar, Storage RFP, LBAC outreach, Belmont Drives Electric.

Chair Colton adjourned the meeting at 9:06AM.

Minutes written and submitted by Travis Franck.