

Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes –3/08/12

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Attendees: Jan Kruse
Anthony Alcorn
Ian Todreas
Andy Healy
Peter Castanino
Chris McVay

Ian Todreas called the meeting to order at 8:09am

Jan Kruse reported for the Residential Subcommittee:

- Sustainable Belmont will sponsor a Home Energy Efficiency tour of 10 properties on May 20 between 10am and 3pm. The tour will start at the Beach St Center where the interested public will sign up and from where they will visit the designated properties in assigned groups.
- Jan asked if the Belmont Energy Committee has any handouts for distribution at the sign up desk and whether the BEC could be a co-sponsor. Jan also asked whether Maclean would participate as a site.
- It was suggested that we could have a handout on the Stretch Code.
- Jan Kruse led a discussion of how do we address the energy efficiency of the broad based housing stock which is where towns CO2 emissions are highest.
- Jan also asked what if anything do we do for Town Day.

Ian reported on the Transportation Subcommittee:

- NuRide: Get the schools and town onboard the program before taking the program to all the people.
- Called Ralph Jones (BOS) and he agreed to recommend the program to the interim town administrator.
- Ian asked Andy if Maclean is interested in the NuRide program. Andy responded that he will find out if Maclean is already in a partnership with NuRide.
- The 74/75 bus service may be cut. Can the BEC help out here? [Note: the MBTA decided not to cut this service.]
- Andy related that Partners (which McClean is part of) is in discussion with the MBTA about service to Waverley Square.
- Ian asked if the Maclean shuttle can be expanded to provide transport from Alewife to Waverly and carry non Maclean commuters.

- Ian and Peter need to discuss setting up the message board. The BOS have approved a location at the bottom of the stairs at the Belmont Center station. [Note: the board has been installed.]
- The BEC will need to put notices on the message board:
 - Bus routes,
 - Zip Car locations
 - ETC.
- Ian asked Andy if Maclean has an interest in improving the Waverley Sq. station with the aim of increasing ridership from that station, perhaps by sponsoring a message board similar to the one in Belmont Center.
- Diesel retrofits: The EPA will have one more round of grants in April. Ian will co-ordinate.
- Ian was approached by a Belmont resident who attends Yale regarding the possibility of proposing a Town Meeting resolution that would require all new construction vehicles to operate with clean diesel equipment. He will explore this concept with Roger and others.
- There are Belmont high school students and Yale students who are looking for sustainable (?) internships.
- Chris noted that we should get photos of the bike racks into the newspaper.
- Bike route maps: Ian asked Peter when we can mark the bike paths and the Share Road lines and signs on the roads.

General:

Ian proposed that there be a town sponsored "Sustainability Award" which could be awarded to people, businesses, town departments or town employees. There will need to be criteria. The BOS will make the award.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02am

Submitted by Tony Alcorn, Recording Secretary