

Belmont Energy Committee Meeting Minutes – 05/11/2011

Attendees: Anthony Alcorn

Ian Todreas

Chris McVay

Steve Mazzola

Andy Healy

Fred Domanici

Roger Colton

Phil Thayer

Roger xx

Roger opened the meeting at 8:02 AM.

Roger began by stating that the main topic of the meeting will be solar arrays on town buildings and other issues relating to getting solar array installations in Belmont..

Roger then introduced Roger Wrubel who is currently investigating putting a solar array on his personal house, and asked him to remark on his experience. Roger (Wrubel) first noted that Habitat, which he manages, has the largest solar array in the town. He then related that he is in discussions with Solar Cities about putting a solar array on his house and that to make that viable requires “net metering” which Belmont does not have. He related that he spoke with Ashly Brown and Jim Palmer about the lack of net metering in Belmont, without resolution. At this point he is stuck. He related that Solar Cities does have arrangements with some munies and that there is no problem with large utilities as they all have net metering.

Roger Colton then related that he talking to different parties about putting solar arrays on school roofs and other municipal building roofs. This program is described in detail in the attached PP slide set “Belmont Solar Initiative” by Roger Colton and Andrew Greene. This PP slide set was created for a presentation to the BOS.

He related that beyond the above initiative for town buildings, other organizations in town want to put solar arrays on their roofs (Belmont Day School, Temple Beth El, various banks etc.)

Andy asked if the payback is real. His experience in looking at solar array projects showed a 12 to 14 year pay back. It was related that that could be the case for an

outright purchase of a solar array without taking advantage of the current SRECs prices and other incentives.

Ian asked how we move forward.

Roger responded with these points:

- 1 We need a net metering for 10 kwatt and below,
- 1 We need to resolve the Retail Choice position of BMLD;
- 1 The lease agreement (involving a \$6meg project) will require TM approval.

Roger then related that we (the Belmont Energy Committee) need to improve our process in the area of keeping everyone in the loop. He then asked Fred, Andy and Steve about their possibly involvement in the solar array project.

Roger stated that he will distribute the Power Point slide “Belmont Solar Initiate” to the committee members. (see attachment)

Ian related that we need a 1 year report from the Belmont Energy Committee to the town. Also that committee member terms renewals are coming up.

Ian related that the BOS did not vote on the Zip Car proposal.

Roger noted that TM did adopt the Stretch Code bylaw.

Roger adjourned the meeting at 9:05 AM

Submitted by Tony Alcorn, Recording Secretary