

Charge to the Belmont Energy Committee

Background: The Belmont Energy Committee was established by the Belmont Board of Selectmen to facilitate, enable, and help the Town of Belmont and its residents, businesses, and institutions to work toward achievement of the Climate Action Plan Resolution (Article 6) adopted by Town Meeting on November 18, 2009. It is a permanent committee that will meet until the goal of reducing the Belmont community's carbon emissions eighty percent (80%) based on the community's 2007 emissions, has been met and maintained.

Composition: The Committee will be comprised of eleven (11) members. Efforts will be made to include membership as follows:

- Five (5) representatives who are Town residents appointed by the Selectmen;
- Two (2) representatives of the Belmont Public School system who are designated by the Belmont Public Schools Superintendent and/or School Committee;
- One (1) representative of Belmont Light, who may but need not be a Belmont Light employee, and who is designated by the Light Board;
- One (1) representative of Town institutions (e.g., private schools, hospitals, houses of worship, or other large nonprofit facilities) appointed by the Selectmen;
- One (1) representative of Town businesses appointed by the Selectmen;
- One (1) representative of a Belmont environmental group appointed by the Selectmen;
- The Town Administrator may designate appropriate municipal employees to assist the Energy Committee, either on a standing basis or on a project-by-project basis, as resources permit.

Responsibilities: It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to facilitate, enable, and help the Town of Belmont and its residents, businesses, and institutions to work toward achievement of the Climate Action Plan Resolution (Article 6) adopted by Town Meeting on November 18, 2009. The Committee shall promote increasing energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions in Belmont or in wider areas where appropriate, by:

1. Maximizing efficiency within Town operations, purchasing decisions, construction of capital assets, and community planning, through appropriate recognition of energy conservation;
2. Promoting conservation and efficiency for Town residents, businesses, and institutions;
3. Exploring possibilities for implementing renewable energy use within the Town; and
4. Undertaking such other tasks as may reasonably be expected to result in the reduction of Green House Gas emissions in Belmont and beyond.

It is expected that the Energy Committee shall engage in the following tasks:

- Review the revised draft (September 2009) of the Belmont Climate Action Plan and other references as needed to generate recommendations to the Selectmen and other municipal policymakers for areas of activity to continue to progress toward the achievement of the said goal;
- Research, write, and apply for appropriate grants and other fundraising toward the achievement of the said goal;
- Collaborate with Town employees, officials and/or committees, Belmont Light and community-based organizations, to define action steps, and to determine the appropriate method of support by the Committee, as needed;
- Periodically identify the Belmont community's desires and its progress, using a survey and/or other methods;
- Provide an annual written and/or oral assessment to the Town and Town Meeting through the Selectmen on the Belmont community's progress toward achieving said goal;
- Promote Town-wide participation in the process of implementing a reduction in Green House Gas emissions, through a dedicated community-based education and outreach campaign; and

- Periodically update the Town of Belmont's Green House Gas inventory and report the results of such inventory to the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Meeting.

Approved by Board of Selectmen on September 26, 2016