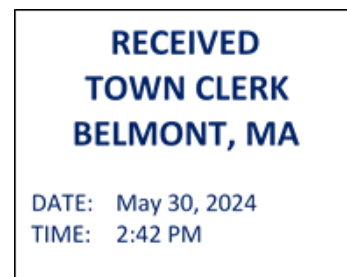


Minutes for Energy Committee Meeting 2024-04-24

Participants

- Marty Bitner
- James Booth (Chair)
- Brian Kopperl
- Kevin Bleau
- Roger Wrubel
- Ellie Lesser
- Gregory Piotrowicz
- Claus Becker



John Kolterman was absent

Minutes

March 20th Minutes were approved by all attendees excepting Claus Becker who was absent from that meeting and who abstained.

Chenery Heaters

Committee discussed alternatives for heating of Chenery. Kevin Bleau presented a rough analysis showing if the school roof were fully covered with solar panels, 14% of annual electric boiler electricity consumption could be covered if the town went for 100% electric boilers. An estimated 28% if a solution of 50% electric and 50% gas boilers were chosen. Demand charges for the school may make the 100% electric boiler solution financially unattractive.

Incinerator Site

Kopperl met w Sam Osmanecvic from Belmont Light (BL) to discuss next steps.

Beals Associates Inc., a site developer, is working w BL to develop the site plan. MA legislative waiver would be required to use the site for non-municipal use. Then RFP. Belmont needs to decide what activities they would support having on the site. Currently, energy storage and solar are the only permitted uses.

Climate leader application for Belmont

The committee to submit two documents to Selectboard. One on climate leader application and one on the permitted legal uses for incinerator site.

Membership / Chair next year

James Booth stint runs out in June. After hiatus new leader needed, to be chosen later.

Reports

a. BMHS Solar

Array is connected and producing. ~1MW on roof after year-long discussions. A victory for Belmont.

b. Belmont Light

Eight level-two chargers to be installed at the high school. Will be open to public. Expected operational early autumn.

c. Library Building Committee

Demolition done. Two general contractors bid on the project. Low bid was selected.

d. Structural Change Implementation Committee

No updates

e. Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee

Committee expected to vote on Chenery heating solution on April 26

f. Sherman Gardens

No updates.

g. BHS Climate Action Club

Ellie Lesser discussed aspiration to make production data from BHMS rooftop solar array available to student body.

7) New business

No new business proposed.

Next meeting will be 22nd of May at 19:00 o'clock.

No members of the public in attendance at any time.