

Sustainable Belmont Meeting Minutes – 02/03/10

Attendees: Jan Kruse, Jen Kundrot, John McAlpin, Tony Alcorn, John Kolterman, Anna Churchill, Jennifer Page, Paul Solomon, John & Dorothy Herzog, Alisa Todreas, Nancy Forbes, Victoria Thatcher, Kathy Rushe, Jeri Weiss, Anne Mahon, Miriam Weil, Carolyn Bishop.

The following were speakers:

Alan Field and Carolyn Starrett from Cool Winchester

Chris Starr, Phil Terris and Gwen Noyes for the Cushing Village development

Sustainable Belmont chair John McAlpin opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and announced that we would have two separate presentations tonight. The first presentation dealt with an overview of the Cool Winchester program. This was followed by a presentation on the proposed Cushing Village Development.

Alan Field and Carolyn Starrett, both residents of Winchester spoke of their experiences with the Cool Winchester program. They kicked-off in Dec. of 2009 and found themselves blazing their own trail as much of the material to support Cool Mass had yet to be published then. They have an ambitious goal of getting 85% of households to reduce their carbon footprint by 25% within 3 years. They kindly offered to serve as a resource for the Cool Belmont program and it was suggested that SB could reciprocate as Winchester begins to formulate their Climate Action Program.

Phil Terzis from OakTree Development along with Chris Starr gave a talk and power point show on their planned development for “Cushing Village” in Cushing Square. These developers were clearly passionate about sustainable practices and were committed to delivering a LEED Silver certified development. Their intent is for a 3-4 story structure of mixed use covering retail at the street level, offices on the 2nd level and ~150 residential units on the upper levels. The site could have underground parking with a Zip Car drop-off, geothermal heating/cooling, solar pv, green rooftops and perhaps even some form of urban wind turbine. They were careful to note that couldn't promise all of this, but these were the ideas they'd like to incorporate into their development.

A lively Q&A with the developers was cut short at 9pm.

Next month on March 3rd, Belmont's own Ralph Jones will be presenting a talk on water conservation, specifically an overview of water usage in Belmont and to offer water conservation tips for homeowners.

John M. adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm. Minutes submitted by John Kolterman.