

Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes
Finance Subcommittee Meeting
June 6, 2017
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

Present: Mr. Murat Bicer
Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox
Mr. Thomas Caputo
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance

Guest: Mr. Phil Thayer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m.

2. Proposal for Solar Panels at Chenery

Mr. Phil Thayer, a representative of Belmont Goes Solar, presented a proposal for a rooftop solar system for the Chenery Middle School. Mr. Thayer noted that the Belmont Goes Solar campaign was so successful that it earned a \$50,000 rooftop solar system for any town building. Mr. Thayer proposed that this system be installed at the Chenery Middle School as an evaluation of town buildings determined that the Chenery was the ideal site for several reasons. First, the metal roof has a 50 year life and can bear the weight of the panels. Second, trees are ideally positioned to protect abutter views. Third, interviewed abutters were supportive. Fourth, the site offers educational opportunities for students. Finally, the installation of panels will reduce utility expenses.

Mr. Thayer noted that the Chenery PTO and Principal McAllister were both supportive of this proposal. The group had an extensive discussion and questions for Mr. Thayer related to the acceptance of the gift and the process for planning and installation of the system. It was determined that further discussion with the Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Energy Committee would be necessary before presenting this proposal to the full School Committee.

3. Town Meeting Preparation

Superintendent Phelan presented the FY17 Budget Presentation to be given to Town Meeting on June 7, 2017. A discussion of the presentation led to some recommendations on some of the issues addressed in the presentation such as funding sources and costs for special education, enrollment growth and average per pupil costs.

4. Approval of Minutes

There was no time to review minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by



Susan Burgess-Cox