

Joint Municipal Light Board & Municipal Light Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, Belmont

ATTENDEES:

Andy Rojas, Light Board, Vice Chair
Ralph Jones, Light Board
Jim Palmer, GM Belmont Light Department
Lauri Mancinelli, Energy Analyst, BMLD
Gretchen McClain, Light Advisory Board
Ashley Brown, Chairman of Advisory Board
Bob Forrester, Light Advisory Board, Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Andy Rojas at 7:00 p.m.

SUBSTATION REPORT:

Jim Palmer distributed a summary of where the substation project stands to date. It is based on the interconnection with NSTAR and the meetings that were held over the past month. Jim has met with NSTAR four times in the past six weeks. Work on the cost estimates is continuing and they are looking to compare the costs of the 13-8 project versus the 115kV project. Palmer stated that by late May a decision will be made regarding which voltage option will best serve the town of Belmont. Palmer also stated that he met with ISO New England on March 29th and the purpose of that meeting was to prepare for the transmission cost allocation.

In regards to the transmission route, they are working with the MBTA to finalize the easement, and they are making significant progress. Palmer is targeting mid June for executing the easement.

The other category discussed was regarding the project site. On January 9, 2012 Belmont Municipal Light Department entered into an agreement with 20 Flanders Road for 2.6 million dollars. A deposit of \$260,000.00 has been issued to the 20 Flanders Road owners and \$42,500.00 has been issued for the relocation of WOOF, Inc.

Palmer then discussed the status of the public outreach. His team is continuing to distribute information packets and flyers. The quarterly newsletter is mailed to each customer and information is posted on the Belmont Municipal Light Department's website.

Gretchen had a question in regards to the project site and its abutter. She wanted to know if the issue regarding the wall was resolved. Palmer stated that there is a common wall that is shared and they are working with the owner's of 12 Flanders Road to ensure that whatever structural work being done will not affect their business.

Finally, Palmer introduced Lauri Mancinelli. Lauri was hired by The Belmont Municipal Light Department on April 2nd as the Energy Analyst. Lauri stated that she has a masters degree in environmental management from Duke University. She has been working in field of electric economics since finishing grad school. She is looking forward to improving the policies that the Belmont Municipal Light Department has in place and also to create new ones. Lauri will also be a liaison between the Sustainable Belmont Committee and the Energy Committee. Lauri was welcomed to the Town of Belmont by the Board.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.