

Belmont Municipal Light Advisory Board
BMLD Conference Room, 40 Prince Street
Wednesday, October 10, 2012
7:15 PM

ATTENDEES:

Ashley Brown, Municipal Light Advisory Board (MLAB) Chair
Robert Forrester, Municipal Light Advisory Board Vice Chair
Ralph Jones, Municipal Light Advisory Board
Tim McCarthy, Municipal Light Advisory Board
Patricia DiOrio, Municipal Light Advisory Board
Gretchen McClain, Municipal Light Advisory Board
John Dunleavy, BMLD Finance Manager
Ed Selgrade, BMLD Legal Counsel
James Palmer, BMLD General Manager/CEO
Craig Spinale, BMLD Director of Operations

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:26 PM by Municipal Light Advisory Board (MLAB) Chair, Ashley Brown.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:

It was discussed whether or not a change in governance of the BMLD could be approved solely by the Board of Selectmen or if a Town Meeting vote was required. The Belmont Municipal Light Advisory Board will be revising the legislative language to include the Town Meeting vote in the change in governance process. MLAB suggested having a seven member Light Board to avoid the elimination of an existing board member.

PILOT PAYMENT:

Palmer stated that currently the Belmont Light Department pays \$650,000.00 to the Town Pilot.

FY2012 FINANCIALS:

Dunleavy stated that profit is up \$191,000.00. Due to the October storm, \$54,000.00 was received by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and diligent work was done in getting those funds to cover costs. Electricity sales were down due to a mild winter. Power costs and payroll were the two largest expenses during the year.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

Palmer stated that as part of our public outreach, a substation project update was included in the October 2012 newsletter. Before the end of the year all negotiated contracts should be completed with NSTAR and the MBTA. Craig Spinale was introduced as the new Director of Operations at the BMLD. Spinale brings 14 years experience to the team. He previously worked at National Grid.

In regards to the Customer Service position and the IT position, the job postings have ended and the interviews will take place within the next week.

It was stated that the cost of service study from LaCapra & Associates and PLM will be reviewed and discussed at a later time.

DISTRIBUTED GENERATION POLICY:

Palmer stated the possibility of upgrading load is no longer being considered due to structural concerns with the roofs of all the Belmont Schools.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Belmont Municipal Light Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:30 PM by Ashley Brown, Municipal Light Advisory Board Chair.

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