

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
MUNICIPAL LIGHT ADVISORY BOARD
BMLD CONFERENCE ROOM
Thursday, November 15, 2012
7:15 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:20 PM by Ashley Brown, Chair of the Municipal Light Advisory Board.

Present: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Forrester; Members McCarthy, McClain, McVay; Selectman Jones; BMLD General Manager Palmer; BMLD Staff Mancinelli, Santoro; Government Structure Review Committee Chair Solomon; Members Vose, R. McLaughlin.

Absent: Member DiOrio

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was no approval of meeting minutes.

III. BMLD GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:

The Belmont Municipal Light Advisory Board Governance recommendation is that the Board of Selectmen would appoint members of the Belmont Light Board. McLaughlin recommended bringing the governance issue to Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen will take the lead on presenting the governance recommendations to the Warrant Committee.

IV. ANNUAL TOWN PILOT PAYMENT:

The Belmont Municipal Light Advisory Board recommended that the BMLD pay a fixed amount of \$650,000.00 annually for a period of three years to the Town in payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT). The next annual town pilot payment review will be in 2016.

V. DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT:

Mancinelli reported on the Home Energy Assessment Pilot Program that the BMLD launched as of November 2012. The BMLD pilot program parallels a successful initiative of the Belmont Energy Committee and is open to 250 BMLD customers who heat their homes with fuel oil and/or electricity. BMLD will provide the first 25 oil heating customers who purchase Energy Star qualified ductless mini-split heat pumps to heat their homes with a \$200 rebate to their electric bill.

In regards to the dynamic pricing, LaCapra & Associates will have the time-of-use, critical peak, and real time pricing analysis by January 2013.

VI. BMLD POLICY:

Palmer presented a new structured Travel/Expense Reimbursement Policy for the BMLD. Palmer drafted such policy to initiate discussion on the policy. Decision will be made at a later date.

VII. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Palmer stated that the closing for the 20 Flanders Road property will be on December 31, 2012 and that the project is on track.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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