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**Minutes**  
**Town of Belmont**  
**Municipal Light Board & Municipal Light Advisory Board**  
**Belmont Town Hall**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2013**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Selectman Rojas.

Present: Selectmen Rojas, Paolillo, Jones; BMLAB Chair Brown, Vice Chair Forrester; BMLD General Manager Palmer, BMLD Legal Counsel Selgrade.

**II. Discussion on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 16**

Forrester presented a slide show explaining the choice of the 115kV transmission line for the substation project. The joint development agreement with NSTAR reduced the debt from 53.7 million to 23.5 million. It will also reduce the rate increase from 14% to 7%. This is contingent upon approval of Town Meeting articles. Between 2009-2011 BMLD identified some critical needs such as the aging infrastructure. The peak demand exceeds the firm capacity of the present line, therefore a new substation is needed.

In February 2012 Town Meeting approved 53.7 million bonding for the project and the Light Board evaluated the options of the 115kV vs. the 13.8kV option. In December 2012 20 Flanders Road was purchased as the site for the new substation. Also in December 2012 BMLD purchased the MBTA easement from Alewife to the substation site. It was agreed to go with the 115kV choice to serve the town of Belmont which is the best financial solution for the overall cost of the project. Palmer stated the 115kV is the best economical and technical choice for the town. Forrester stated that Belmont will build the line and both Belmont and NSTAR will pursue regulatory approvals. Belmont will then transfer ownership of the transmission component to NSTAR at a cost of approximately 30 million dollars and the present transmission service agreement will be terminated.

Forrester stated that the next steps to be taken will be the approval of the JDA by the Belmont Light Board. Discussion of the article's will take place with the Warrant Committee then will go to Town Meeting. Demolition and construction of the substation will take place and service should be running by 2017-2017.

*The Board moved:* To approve the Joint Development Agreement unanimously (3,0)

*The Board moved:* To approve the Party Wall Modification Agreement unanimously (3,0)

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 7:55 PM.