

**Light Board Advisor Committee Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2016**

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Attending: Steve Klionsky, Sarah Jackson, Bob Forrester, Ralph Jones, Roy Epstein, Mark McVay, Travis Franck

Convened 7:01PM

Introductions

Approval of Minutes from June 2016

- Amended the name of the vice chair; changed to Mark McVay
- Approved

Substation

- The Transmission Line costs were not recommended to be socialized by NEPOOL, the advisory group to ISO NE. A “No” recommendation for PTF.
- Discussion about contingency if Eversource couldn’t get cost recovery from ISO; the understanding is that BL would be charged a rate for transmission that is better than now but more than if PTF was approved.
- There is a 60% cost over run in the Substation project; mostly related to Eversource’s equipment choices and the laying of the transmission line.
- Understanding is that the Joint Development Agreement ensures that the Town is not exposed to the any cost overruns.
- There are large Town tax revenue issues if the substation assets are not sold to Eversource by January 1st.

Preparation for the Light Board meeting (12 Dec 2016)

- Potential areas LBAC could help LB
 - Substation: will they need advice? Any decisions for them to make?
 - Energy procurement
 - Where the Town would like to buy and what kind of energy they would like BL to buy.
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Some energy efficiency programs, but there appears to be the need to revisit energy efficiency programs and improving them
 - Cost of Service Study
 - Unsure when the last COS study was completed
 - Include a Comparison to Other Muni’s

- There could also be a link to the Unfunded Pension conversation that is being had in the Retirement Committee.
- COS could provide the basis for other conversations like time of use pricing, solar, storage, etc.
- Accounting
 - Assisting BL with advice on longer-term accounting and monitoring policies
- Management
 - Advice in potential staffing issues, should they arise
- Electric Vehicles
 - Discuss ideas and plans, but also help review data that comes back to help them evaluate the data; currently BL is supposed to provide data about the initial EV program
- Safety
 - Develop a set of metrics to help them review the operational safety
- Operational Metrics
 - There is a set of operational metrics
 - Including reliability and customer service
 - Vehicle and machine maintenance
- Storage, TOU pricing, and other System policies
 - Make sure all of the policies align

Discussion on how to liaise with Belmont Light

- LBAC feels there should be a clear communications channel with BL
- Currently Steve will be LBACs point of contact; he will also reach out to Jim P to discuss

Discussion on DES Solar panel donation (presentation by Phil Thayer)

- 12kW of panels to the Town (either in one or two arrays)
- There is a deadline for SRECs by January, 7 2017; after it will be it will be 20% less; and ramped down \$0 by July 2017
- There is concern that DES might have staff changes that would make their panel donation more tenuous/difficult
- LBAC feels that the issue is being looked after by the Energy Committee and the Belmont Goes Solar team

Storage Presentation: Dan Berwick from Borrego Solar

- Presentation on Storage and a forthcoming MA RFP on storage
- RFP would be a pool of \$10mil from MA to incentive storage
- Three ways storage saves Town money:

- TOU pricing (charge with cheap and discharge when rates are expensive)
- Reducing the transmission charges and the Annual Peak cost (Regional Network Service Obligation)
- Forward Capacity Obligation
- Example is the Sterling MLP Project; \$2.9mil; lots of public funds with 3yr payback
- Expect the RFP to have 120 day opening; unsure when it will be public
- Borrego would be interested in bidding on a Town RFP, if BL chooses to apply to the RFP

Adjourned 8:58PM