

Belmont Light Board Advisory Committee
Minutes
Meeting of August 3, 2017
Town Hall

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Present: Steve Klionsky, Bob Forrester, Roy Epstein, Ralph Jones, Sarah Jackson

Jim Palmer's tenure has ended – we wish him well and thank him for his years of service at Belmont Light.

Adam Dash – liaison/conduit for Selectmen, he says anything we need, just ask!

July 31st at midnight, Jim's contract expired and was not renewed by mutual agreement.

Jim Williams et al. had meeting with Belmont Light staff to assure that everything is fine; Craig Spinale is interested in the position.

Intent is to have a LB meeting before the Selectmen's meeting on Monday the 7th – will discuss hiring a search firm – could be a 2-3 month process – and may make Craig the interim.

Suggestion to make sure to look at whether the search firms have experience with this type of position -- Town will need a search committee since hirers can't be searchers.

Opportunity to demystify the light department, (e.g., procurement questions, such as what percentage of Belmont's power is renewable or carbon free? Have to define the terms and put a number on our supply).

Email questions to Adam to ask Craig tomorrow morning:

- Status of PTF request for substation?
- What kind of rate relief can we expect from the Blair substation investment?
- Can we do a rate study? Status of cost of service study?
- Energy storage RFP – what are the deadlines? What happens if we get selected?
- What's the burn rate for the consultant budget?

Steve raises charge of LBAC, recalls Jim Palmer's statements that LBAC charge isn't as broad as we think we're up to, so Select board needs to decide whether this committee should be self starters or wait to be asked to address issues.

Should we talk to Walter Foscett?

How do we manage expectations about the type and rate of change with Belmont Light now that Jim's contract has ended?

How do we use study on non-union salaried employees?

Follow up meeting the week of the 14th to talk with interim GM?

Regular meetings? Thursdays seem to work well for people

Top criteria for choosing a GM is willingness to work with others in town