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**Minutes  
Town of Belmont  
Belmont Municipal Light Board  
In joint with the Light Board Advisory Committee  
Virtual Meeting on Zoom  
Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
5:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Light Board was called to order at 5:30pm by Chair Roy Epstein. Vice Chair Adam Dash and Board Member Tom Caputo were present. Belmont Light General Manager Craig Spinale was also present.

The Light Board Advisory Committee (LBAC) was present and called itself to order.

**II. PROCLAMATION**

Epstein read a Proclamation for Public Power Week, which Belmont Light celebrated from October 4 to October 10, 2020.

*Motion to approve issuance on the proclamation as read. (Vote passed 3-0)*

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- June 15, 2020: The Light Board agreed that the most recent revision of the minutes looked fine. Caputo suggested a small edit, and then the Board agreed to approve the minutes.

*Motion: To approve the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes "Revision 1" Version, as amended. (Vote passed 3-0)*

- August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020: The Light Board discussed the most recent revision of the minutes and agreed to approve them.

*Motion: To approve the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes "Revision 2." (Vote passed 3-0)*

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion: To enter Executive Session to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively sensitive, or other proprietary information and to prepare for a motion, second, and roll call vote. (Vote passed 3-0)*

The LBAC also called themselves into joint executive session.

Both groups returned and motioned to exit executive session.

*Motion: To exit executive session. (Vote passed 3-0)*

**V. POTENTIAL VOTE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITY**

During executive session, Belmont Light sought approval of a proposed power purchase opportunity, namely the First Light Cabot-Turners Falls, and for authority for the GM to enter into a PPA. Klionsky announced that the result of the executive session was that LBAC gave a recommendation on the power purchase opportunity. LBAC members Robert Forrester, Travis Franck, Steve Klionsky, Ralph Jones, and Dave Beavers were in support of the opportunity, while member Michael Macrae was opposed. Jonathan Abe was absent for the vote. (5-1, with 1 abstention).

*Motion: To proceed with the power purchase opportunity discussed in executive session and have the General Manager enter into a PPA (Vote passed 3-0)*

VI. DISCUSSION ON GOVERNANCE

Epstein briefly introduced the prior discussions on governance and encouraged the groups to work toward developing a consensus to get ready for the next Town Meeting in the Spring, although the discussion that evening needed to be brief. Epstein said that he is committed to put in any effort necessary to make proper changes and asked his colleagues to state whether they were prepared to make the same commitment.

Dash agreed that a consensus would be best and public forums would be helpful, especially since there were differing opinions even amongst the Board. He said he had been pushing for the right governance for years and was all on-board. Caputo said that he was very much committed to it and stated that the community engagement process was important.

VII. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Strategic Plan Presentation

Epstein noted that there was not time to do the Strategic Plan justice. He said he had discussed some potential edits to Spinale and suggested that Belmont Light come back with revisions around time of use rates, rate impacts of renewable targets, broadband, and governance. Dash and Caputo agreed. Caputo suggested that the Plan include benchmarking for Belmont Light on rates and employee compensation and suggested that there should be discussion included on how to keep rates low for ratepayers, while still accomplishing all of the Plan's initiatives. Epstein suggested that if Belmont Light had plans to build a new headquarters at the incinerator site, that discussion should be detailed in the Strategic Plan. The Light Board members agreed that any plan a new facility at the incinerator site should be researched and discussed in a public forum, as well as in the Strategic Plan, so that the public is aware of the use of the site.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON CHAIR OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

In accordance with Select Board rules, the Light Board members agreed that Dash would be appointed Chair of the Municipal Light Board.

*Motion: That Adam Dash be appointed Chair of Municipal Light Board. (Vote passed 3-0)*

It was discussed that Caputo would continue on as Vice Chair of the Municipal Light Board. It was also discussed that Dash would be named Liaison to the LBAC.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

[None.]

X. ADJOURNMENT

LBAC adjourned itself at 6:34 pm.

*Motion (6:35pm): To adjourn. (Vote passed 3-0)*