

**Minutes of the
Town of Belmont
Belmont Municipal Light Board
Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2021
5:30pm**

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DATE: October 26, 2021
TIME: 2:24 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER. Chair Adam Dash called a meeting of the Municipal Light Board to order at 5:30pm.

Present were Chair Dash and Member Roy Epstein. Absent was Vice Chair Mark Paolillo.

Also present was Light Board Advisory Committee (LBAC) Chair Travis Franck, Belmont Light General Manager Craig Spinale, Energy Resources Manager Becca Keane, and Communications Coordinator Aidan Leary.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 26, 2021 Time of Use Public Forum #1

Mr. Epstein moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 Time of Use Public Forum #1. Mr. Dash seconded and the motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

August 16, 2021

Mr. Epstein moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Municipal Light Board Meeting. Mr. Dash seconded and the motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Epstein moved to enter Executive Session to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively sensitive or other proprietary information (Solar opportunity). Mr. Dash seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

Mr. Epstein moved to leave Executive Session. Mr. Dash seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL VOTE ON SOLAR OPPORTUNITY

Mr. Spinale explained that Belmont Light had been approached for a solar opportunity. It is a long-term program, and there are some remaining questions that will be pursued. There are Class I RECs that come with this opportunity.

Mr. Franck said LBAC recommended to express interest in this opportunity.

Mr. Epstein moved to express interest in the solar opportunity. Mr. Dash seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a rollcall vote.

V. DISCUSSION ON TIME OF USE

- Public Forum #2 Planning: Mr. Dash reminded the group of the upcoming TOU Public Forum on Thursday, September 23rd. Mr. Spinale said the presentation will be done by Belmont Light staff and members of the Light Board Advisory Committee (LBAC). He hopes to answer outstanding questions at this forum and expects it to be about 1.5 hours long.

- TOU Calculator: Mr. Spinale said there is a calculator comparing historical use to TOU, a solar calculator, and a calculator that will show how changes of behavior can impact bills.

Mr. Leary did a demonstration of the TOU calculators, including some examples.

Mr. Leary and Mr. Spinale outlined how customers can gain access to the calculators. Ms. Keane pointed out that customers with solar have a specific calculator to use.

Mr. Epstein asked if Belmont Light could do a comparison of the proposed TOU plan to TOUs in other municipalities. Ms. Keane said the research has been done and can be provided on the recommendation memo that Belmont Light will send to the Municipal Light Board ahead of the pilot program. Mr. Spinale outlined the research Belmont Light has done to create a proposed TOU program.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL VOTE ON CHAIRSHIP OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Mr. Dash said that by following the Operational Rules of the Select Board, Mr. Paolillo should be the next Light Board Chair and Mr. Epstein would be the Vice Chair. Mr. Epstein questioned if there should be a vote with Mr. Paolillo not present. It was decided to proceed.

Mr. Dash moved to nominate Mr. Paolillo as Chair of the Municipal Light Board, and Mr. Epstein as Vice Chair until the election of the new Municipal Light Board in 2022. Mr. Epstein seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via rollcall vote.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VIII. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- September 23, 2021 Time of Use Public Forum #2 in joint with LBAC
- October 18, 2021
- November 15, 2021
- December 20, 2021

IX. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- January 17, 2022
- February 21, 2022
- March 21, 2022

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dash moved the adjourn the meeting of the Municipal Light Board. Mr. Epstein seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Peghiny
Recording Secretary