

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD  
Regular Session  
Remote Meeting via Zoom  
May 17, 2023**

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BELMONT, MA**

DATE: August 24, 2023  
TIME: 9:12 AM

**CALL TO ORDER.** Chair David Beavers called a meeting of the Municipal Light Board to order at 7:31 am.

Present for MLB: Chair Beavers, Vice-Chair Travis Franck, Members Steve Klionsky, Andrew Machado, and Michael Macrae.

Present for Belmont Light: General Manager Craig Spinale, Assistant General Manager Sam Osmanovic, Energy Specialist Ben Thivierge, Finance Manager Maria Makar-Limanov, Communications Coordinator Aidan Leary, and Recording Secretary Susan Peghiny.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 12, 2023 Regular Session:

**Motion:** *Mr. Klionsky moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 Regular Session of the Municipal Light Board meeting. Mr. Macrae seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

May 4, 2023 Regular Session:

**Motion:** *Mr. Franck moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 Regular Session of the Municipal Light Board meeting. Mr. Klionsky seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

May 4, 2023 Executive Session:

**Motion:** *Mr. Klionsky moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 Executive Session of the Municipal Light Board meeting. Mr. Franck seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – there was no public comment.

### **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

- a. BHS Solar Interconnection: There is no delay to this project. The Building Committee is working to ensure that the system can be isolated in the event of repairs. The in-service date is August and there was a discussion of this project.
- b. DC Fast Charger Update: Mr. Spinale outlined the status and timeline of these chargers, which was discussed.
- c. Grant Opportunities: Belmont Light will apply for the Community Charging & Fueling Discretionary Grant Program and Mr. Spinale explained the process, status, and location of the chargers.
- d. Financials Update: Mr. Spinale said the 2022 audit had just been completed. A presentation on this will be at the June meeting. He recommended sending out the first quarter financials and answer any questions at the June meeting, rather than presenting on those as well. This was agreed to.

### **TOU SAVINGS**

Mr. Beavers said the TOU work is ongoing and more information will come. Mr. Franck asked that the data be made public, and Mr. Leary explained how this would be done as part of the minutes.

Mr. Macrae recently attended a webinar and there was a lot of demand for information about Belmont's TOU program and rate development. He said this might be a "road show" to share the learnings when the time is right. There was a discussion about interest in this program.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION To discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively sensitive or other proprietary information (Power supply) and to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (General Manager).**

***Motion:** Mr. Franck moved that the Municipal Light Board go into Executive Session to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively sensitive or other proprietary information (Power supply) and to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (General Manager). Mr. Klionsky seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

The Municipal Light Board went into Executive Session at 8:17am.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 9:55am.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL VOTE ON GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT**

***Motion:** Mr. Beavers moved to approve the General Manager contract between the Belmont Municipal Light Board and Craig Spinale from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028, based on the terms agreed on in Executive Session subject to review by Counsel and non-substantial edits. Mr. Klionsky seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 14, 2023 Hybrid meeting

July 19, 2023 Hybrid meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Franck moved to adjourn the meeting of the Municipal Light Board. Mr. Macrae seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Peghiny  
Recording Secretary