

Belmont Municipal Light Board
Monday, December 19, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Attendees:

Angelo Firenze, Light Board	Jim Palmer, BMLD General Manager
Mark Paolillo, Light Board	John Dunleavy, BMLD Finance Director

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mark Paolillo at 6:40 p.m.

BMLD Financials:

Jim Palmer presented the third quarter financial results to the Light Board for their review. John Dunleavy stated that the net profit compared to last year is down \$874,000.00. Non operating expenses increased \$106,000.00 from last year. That amount was due to three items. First, a PO Box which was not being utilized anymore for billing. Second, CDM's services was hired to resolve billing issues and finally an increase in bad debt's recovered attributed to Andros Diner. The total expenses were \$947,000.00 lower than 2010 and the Operations, labor and maintenance decreased \$256,000.00. The conservation expense was \$130,000.00 lower than last year. Depreciated expense decreased \$92,000.00 due to some large equipment in station 1A was retired. Vehicles, poles and cable were also replaced. Dunleavy stated that expenses that did increase in 2011 were employee benefits were \$105,000.00. Office expenses increased 24,000.00 due to a new software system by Cogsdale and with that was a new maintenance agreement to support the software.

Angelo asked if fewer kilowatt hours were purchased in total and Dunleavy responded yes, that if we sell less therefore we buy less. Angelo also asked if that is a result of the conservation programs that have been implemented. Dunleavy stated that the decrease in sales was due to the weather. He stated that this past summer was not as hot as 2010 when the kilowatt sales were extremely high. The hotter the weather the higher the sales since the air conditioners are constantly running. Angelo stated that the past summer we reached our capacity of 34kw only one or two days compared to 2010 when we were hitting that capacity much more frequently.

FY11 Pilot Payment Approval:

Palmer was seeking the Light Board's approval to make the Pilot Payment of \$650,000.00. Dunleavy stated that that amount has already been covered in the financials. Firenze and Paolillo made a motion to approve the payment of \$650,000.00.

115kV Update:

Palmer stated that he met with both the Warrant Committee and the Capital Budget Committee regarding the updates on the project and both meeting went well. He is still waiting for documents to be signed and firming up the numbers related to the project. Documents have been filed with the MBTA to gain approval for access along the railroad tracks. Palmer stated that that will be done before Town Meeting. Angelo asked if the Purchase and Sales Agreement will be signed on January 9, 2012 and Palmer agreed. Firenze stated that the report that was distributed to the Town Meeting Members was excellent. It helped to answer questions that the members had and Palmer stated that the goal was to educate everyone about the project.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Mark Paolillo at 7:30 p.m.