

JOINT MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD & MUNICIPAL LIGHT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 7:15 P.M. AT THE BMLD
CONFERENCE ROOM, 40 PRINCE STREET, BELMONT.

ATTENDEES:

Ralph Jones, LB Chair

Mark Paolillo, LB

Angelo Firenze, LB

Patricia Diorio, MLAB

Robert Forrester, MLAB

Roger Colton, Energy Committee

Bob Mclaughlin, Chair Site Select.

Jim Palmer, General Manager

Jennifer Murphy, Admin. Assistant

Ashley Brown, MLAB Chair

Ed Selgrade

Gretchen McClain, MLAB

Phil Thayer, Town Meeting

Sam Osmanecvic, Engineer

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Brown at 7:25 p.m.

BMLD INTERCONNECTION POLICY:

Jim Palmer stated that they are working at implementing the program by phase 1 into phase 2. The objectives are to accommodate the desire to utilize renewable resources, with an emphasis on wind and solar power. Palmer states that he wants to look out for the best interest of the Light Department and all the customers. It was stated that the preliminary findings found limitations on the allowed output of distributed generators (2% of the total energy demand). This prevents unsustainable levels of lost revenue, leading to cross-subsidization of participant by non-participants. This also allows for more certainty with and prevents the need for unreasonable amounts of planning associated with un-hedged portions of BMLD's power purchase portfolio. Palmer stated that the short term goals for the Interconnection Policy will allow as many potential participants as possible to interconnect before the end of the calendar year. Another goal will be examining the operational impact of distributing generators and drafting a thorough policy document addressing all potential concerns. Finally, working with the billing systems vendor Cogdsale on technological improvement will only help the BMLD staff and customers.

SOLAR:

Sam Osmanecvic then presented the spreadsheet for the solar project. He stated that in residential no more than 297 customers can go solar. After the 297, they are then put on a waiting list or they can complete it on their own. They simply will not be using the energy from the town. Palmer stated that the drive behind the solar initiative is the tax credits given by the state. The requirement to install and hold a solar panel the customer must have 2400 square feet available. Palmer stated that The Belmont Hill School is one of the candidates for going

solar. They want to implement the project not only for educational purposes but also for renewable energy. Palmer stated that he wants to give all the customers all the options that are available to them.

115kV PROJECT UPDATE:

It was stated by Palmer that a meeting was held with NSTAR and they are still supporting Belmont and the 115kV Project. Work has been progressing on a developmental plan for the site selection. It was suggested that another appraisal be done for the Purecoat Property and if things don't move along plan b would be to look at the property located on Flanders Road.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned by Mark Paolillo at 9:20 p.m.