

Municipal Light Board Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room

ATTENDEES:

Ralph Jones, LB Chair

Ashley Brown, MLAB Chair

Angelo Firenze, LB

Jim Palmer, BMLD General Manager

Mark Paolillo, LB

John Dunleavy, BMLD Finance Manager

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Ralph Jones, LLB Chair at 6:04 p.m.

I: SOLAR/WIND NET METERING & BUYBACK TARRIFFS:

Jim Palmer presented the solar/wind net metering buyback tariff's which needed to be approved by the Board in order to send it to the Department of Public Utilities. Paolillo read through the documents and he stated that he was comfortable with the analysis that was presented and thought it was well done and supports it. Motion was approved by the Board and all were in favor for the net metering buyback tariffs.

II. APPROVAL OF THE 2010 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:

John Dunleavy, the Belmont Light Department's Finance Manager presented the 2010 Department of Public Utilities audit report to the Board for review. For the Belmont Municipal Light Department to file the report, it must be signed by all members of the Light Board. Dunleavy stated that the report comes directly from the audit that was done within the Light Department.

The report stated that overhead expenses went up as well as underground expenses. Dunleavy stated that this was due to reliability issues due to age of the equipment and other factors. Jim Palmer stated that last year they had to replace many transformers in the Mill Street area. With those replacements, it was labor intensive and extra expense as a result.

Mark Paolillo asked what was involved in the uncollectable accounts on the report. Dunleavy explained that the Belmont Municipal Light Department had converted their billing system October 1, 2010 from Munis to Cogsdale. As a result of that switch, this required the Belmont Light Department to do their own collection efforts in the summer months. During that time the person in charge of collections was out for the entire summer on a medical sick leave. Ashley Brown stated that since then, policies have been changed due to the hire of Jim Palmer. Palmer has now implemented cross training throughout the company as part of the reorganization project to correct many of the errors that occurred in the past.

John Dunleavy stated that the audit report is scheduled to be presented September 14, 2011 to the Board of Selectmen.

III. ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.