

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. in the BELD Board Room. Those present at the meeting included Chairman Reynolds, Vice Chairman Anthony Agnitti, Secretary James Regan, General Manager William G. Bottiggi, Ken Stone and Sean Murphy, all of BELD. Mr. Bottiggi had called into BELD's conference call number at 5:05 p.m. as the homeowner at 89 Hobart Ave, Mr. Desmond Correia, requested to speak with the Board. It was decided to start the business of the meeting as the conference call service lets you know when a new participant comes on. This call was done in response to Covid-19 and only staff were at the Light Board meeting.

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

i. March 10, 2020 Electric Open Meeting

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, to accept the minutes of March 10, 2020 Open Meeting as written. Mr. Agnitti seconded. So voted.

II. Items for Action

i. PURMA/PUMIC Rep Annual Forms

Mr. Bottiggi explained that this is the form that is signed annually that allows Ms. Cohen to be on the board at PURMA and PUMIC and not have a conflict of interest.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, to accept Ms. Cohen as the BELD rep at PURMA/PUMIC. Mr. Agnitti seconded. So voted. Mr. Reynolds signed the forms.

III. Items for Discussion

i. 89 Hobart Avenue

Mr. Reynolds announced that we would keep the conference call open in case Mr. Correia was running late. See further information under Public Participation.

ii. Coronavirus Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported that BELD had a fairly uneventful 3 months. We split the field staff in half with a week on and a week off and brought in a cleaning company to gas any common areas. More cleaning of the trucks was done as well. We had no one diagnosed with the virus. The employees that could work at home did. We bought laptops for those that did not have them. Some employees came in on a regular basis as we need to run at all times. We have started bringing most people back unless there was a reason to stay home - for child care or an underlying health condition. Those people will continue to work from home for now. We have not skipped a beat with customer service, responding to outages. We did have to bring in the entire crew once for a car pole accident and we sent the crew that was home to Hingham for Mutual Aid.

Mr. Bottiggi continued: There may be reimbursement for some expenses through FEMA like changing out the glass in front of the customer service window so that it is more of a shield, all the cleaning expenses, masks, etc. There was discussion. Mr. Stone said you could get reimbursed for overtime expenses but BELD did not have any. He continued we will apply for anything that may

be reimbursable: PPE, plastic screens, upgrades, etc. Mr. Bottiggi said our sales are off by 12-14% but our residential sales are up because everybody was home all day and our commercial sales are down. There was discussion on how the commercial businesses in town were affected.

iii. Watson Summer Forward Reserve

Mr. Bottiggi reported that we bid into the Forward Reserve and were accepted. We have a possibility of \$450,000 in extra revenue this summer if we are perfect. We won't be – we had an issue with unit 2 and we were out for a couple of days. We will still make extra money but not the whole \$450,000. That is for 4 months: June – September.

iv. Potter II Capacity Supply Obligation

Mr. Bottiggi reminded everyone that we had wanted to shed our capacity supply obligation for Potter II and we did. He said the update on this is we sold it for \$.40/kilowatt month for 12 months: June 1- May 31. It cost us \$345,000 to do that. After we did that we came in to an opportunity: someone was willing to pay us \$2/kilowatt month to take back our capacity supply obligation for June, July and August. We decided it was worth the risk: with Covid-19 the load is down everywhere. He explained: for 3 months for 45 megawatts, not 72, we got paid \$270,000. He continued: then another opportunity – someone else wanted 36 megawatts so we got another \$52,000. As of September 1, we have no obligation until May 31 for \$23,000. ENE was very helpful in this. There was discussion.

v. Fireking Diesel Generators

Mr. Bottiggi reminded everyone that the project is being done by Tangent. These generators will be used for peak shaving and to supply emergency power to Fireking. They had installed 2 used, reconditioned transformers at Fireking that don't have the right electrical impedance and that can be a danger to our secondaries. Mr. Reynolds asked this is all on Tangent? Mr. Bottiggi said yes, and on their subs. It will take 10-12 weeks to get new transformers. Mr. Murphy reported that Tangent would like temporary permission to run these under-engineered transformers but temporary is still 4 months. Then there will be testing of the other units. Somebody has to step up & take ownership of the fact that the impedance values are too low for the available arc flash. Mr. Bottiggi said Mr. Li and Mr. Murphy have been working with them and if they can prove that they are safe to use temporarily then we will accommodate that. They have not proven that yet. Currently, Mr. Li has questions into them and they haven't answered. Mr. Agnitti asked Mr. Murphy if they have consulted with him all the way along? Mr. Murphy said they were - we have been on this project together the entire time but their engineering has lagged the entire time; Mr. Li has guided them throughout. It is getting close – the equipment is in place, BELD is wired and ready to go. Mr. Bottiggi said they did not do things in the right order – they installed equipment before they got an interconnection agreement. There was discussion – the Commissioners do not want anything done that may affect our system. Mr. Bottiggi said we will not be doing anything like that unless they can prove, with Mr. Li's help and PLM, our engineering consultant, that its safe. If not, then we won't let them run.

vi. Improvements to Land behind Office Building

Mr. Bottiggi reported that since we are no longer in the cable tv business we could take down the dishes in the back. That has been done. We have used that land at different times for staging and parking when we were building the power plant. Then National Grid tore it up more recently when they came through for cathodic protection. Mr. Murphy had Mattuccio Construction come in and they broke up the foundation and graded the area. Then we had Skinner Overlook come in and hydroseeded and it looks great. We had a road put in – there is a sewer storage tank out there and we made sure the road can get to that.

vii. Internet Update

Mr. Bottiggi said that we have not been doing any installs due to coronavirus and with people moving out of Braintree we have lost some customers. We have lost 19 but we gained 4 last month. We currently have 2398 customers. We will be starting up installs again – we have worked out the guidelines for the techs to follow when they go into a customer’s home. We need to go into homes to get the service started – but we will be utilizing PPE for both the customers and our workers safety.

viii. Electronic Bulletin Board

Mr. Regan said he had asked for this to be put on the agenda. He referred to two pictures that the Board had been given previously: the first shows the Braintree town green with a temporary set-up for a sign regarding the coronavirus and the second shows what the Town of Abington uses for their public notices. Mr. Regan said he would like to start a discussion on perhaps BELD or the Town of Braintree doing something like the Abington sign. Abington’s sign is a permanent structure with an electronic message board that can be changed; it also rotates/scrolls so there could be more than one message displayed. There was discussion on other towns and what types of signs are allowed. We would have to check what Braintree has for bylaws. This would have to be discussed with Mayor Kokoros. Mr. Regan would be happy to bring it to the Mayor’s attention and discuss with him. There was further discussion regarding how much the cost would be and what type of equipment would be needed to run that type of sign. There is also a sign review board in Town. Mr. Regan will speak with Mayor Kokoros and then bring that information back to a future meeting for future discussion.

IV. Personnel Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported that the production secretary job has been eliminated. There was discussion. He continued his update. Mr. Turner from the power plant has retired. We have hired a relief fireman, Mr. Correia and a maintenance working foreman, Mr. Hickey. We have a couple of more retirements coming up: Mr. O’Connor from the power plant in early July and Mr. Tedeschi in the meter department in late August. He continued: in the meter department we will be looking for someone who has technical, advanced meter experience. We already have one apprentice in that department so we cannot hire another one. Mr. Murphy explained that the jobs have evolved – that is the way it goes with new technology; it is a small department and we cannot have half of it as apprentices.

V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)

i. Key Person Life Insurance Board Resolution

Mr. Bottiggi mentioned the key person life insurance. When it was decided to get life insurance for key people in the organization the Board signed a resolution. That resolution was signed at the October 19, 2010 meeting and the life insurance company needs the resolution to be within a 5 year window. There is a new resolution that needs to be signed tonight by the Chairman and the Secretary for the coverage to continue.

ii. NERC Update

Mr. Bottiggi asked Mr. Stone to give an update on NERC. Mr. Stone explained that every 6 years we have to go through a NERC O&P (Operations & Planning) Audit. This started in March and we have to supply countless amounts of evidence, reports and data that we keep for all of our transmission and distributions obligations and generation as well. Mr. Stone continued: Mr. Li has done a great job and Mr. Nelson has helped tremendously. The amount of information and the data that is required is immense. We submitted the first round of evidence 3 weeks ago and they came back last week with their questions. We need to respond by June 12. The audit goes through July. We work with Brian Evans-Mongeon of Utility Services and he helps us. There was discussion. NERC regulations differ slightly from the ISO regulations.

VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)

It was noted that Mr. Correia from 89 Hobart Ave had not called in. There was discussion. Chairman Reynolds stated that Mr. Correia was given an opportunity to speak at this meeting and he did not respond. We have previously offered him 2 options and he declined both. Mr. Agnitti added: for the record those were good will payments – not an admission that we did anything wrong but purely good will and he turned them down. This was also a she said/he said situation that the wife and father-in-law asked for extra trimming and to leave the wood. Mr. Correia said he did not want either of those things but we were asked so we accommodated the family. This put our staff in the middle of their dispute. The offers were more than generous. Mr. Bottiggi said the original offer was made in the winter when there were no leaves on the trees and it looks kind of stark but everything does in the winter. When the leaves came out it looked fine.

There was further discussion. It was decided that we will stand by our decision – there was a vote taken at the Light Board meeting on June 18, 2019. He has had opportunities to come before the board. This particular meeting he would have to call in but before coronavirus he knew when the meetings were.

There is a policy and it is being enforced now. The tree crew will do only what BELD needs done for electrical service – no requests from the customer will be fulfilled and no wood will be left behind. The customer can always contact the supervisor directly if they would like.

VIII. Tabled Items

None.

IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings

i. TBD

There was discussion and it was decided to skip July but have an August meeting and to tentatively book the September meeting. The meetings will take place on:

- Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)

None.

XI. Adjournment

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. So voted.

James P. Regan
Secretary