

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. in the BELD Board Room. Those present at the meeting included Chairman Reynolds, Secretary James Regan, General Manager William G. Bottiggi, all of BELD. Vice-Chairman Agnitti was not in attendance.

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

i. September 19, 2023 Open Meeting

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Reynolds, to accept the minutes of September 19, 2023 Open Meeting as written. So voted.

II. Items for Action

i. Nelson Chin Memorial Golf Tournament

Mr. Regan announced based on the conversations that took place with the executive secretary and each board member in regard to the Nelson Chin Memorial Golf Tournament and the email subsequently sent I make a motion that we advertise at two holes and lunch. Seconded by Mr. Reynolds. So voted.

ii. I.E.P. Authorized Signature Approval

Mr. Bottiggi explained the Inventory Energy Program (I.E.P.) is to ensure that New England has enough oil in the cold winter months. We are participating in this program. He further explained: any time there is an inventory energy day we need to send a notarized document to ISO-NE, signed by a senior officer of the Light Department, that states how much oil we have. There may times when this document may be needed and Mr. Bottiggi is not available. The approval sought is for the division managers to have the authority to sign the required notarized document for the period of time that the I.E.P. continues.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Regan that for the period the Inventoried Energy Program (IEP) is in effect the Braintree Electric Light Department recognizes the Department's Division Managers as Senior Officers of the Department and are so authorized to sign the required affidavit verifying the volume of stored fuel. So voted.

III. Items for Discussion

i. Station 8 Switchgear Replacement

Mr. Bottiggi explained that this is at the South Shore Plaza switchgear and is our oldest since we have already replaced the switchgear at Station 4 and Station 10 with modern equipment. Station 8 is getting older. He continued: due to supply chain issues we will have to do this in the fall of 2025 or 2026. We cannot get the equipment needed. We had hoped to do this in 2024. There was discussion.

ii. MBTA Project

Mr. Bottiggi reported that we are doing this work in 2024. We have gone out to bid for the wire and cable for the two circuits. We had a budget of \$500,000 and it came in at \$500,000. There was discussion.

iii. Elm Street Bridge Duct Bank Replacement

Mr. Bottiggi said the Elm Street Bridge has an old duct bank that is giving us trouble so we are going to replace that duct. The important thing is that will allow us to tie a circuit from Station 8 to Station 10 – from South Shore Plaza to Adams Street. We want to do this before we replace the Station 8 switchgear so we have more reliability, backup redundancy. Mr. Bottiggi reported that we are hiring an engineering consultant who specializes in permitting and designing duct banks going over highways. We are working with the MBTA on this. We hope to have all this completed in 2024. There was discussion on this area in town and the planned project.

iv. Potter II Demolition

Mr. Bottiggi explained that we are developing the bid specifications for the demolition of the stack, air condenser, intake and the cooling tower. We are hoping to do that next spring. There was discussion.

v. Parking Lot Paving Update

This project is currently in progress. Mr. Bottiggi explained that they spent all last week pulling up the old blacktop and grading. There has been more grading early this week and today they started putting the binder coat down. We think they will be finished by the middle of next week. Then we will have the striping done. Then next year we will do the other half of the parking lot.

vi. Station 4 Painting Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported to the Board that they have started the painting – but it is weather-dependent. It is coming along.

IV. Personnel Update

None.

V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)

i. Oil Purchase

Mr. Bottiggi explained we bought 200,000 gallons of oil today. We will need to have oil for the I.E.P. but also we are concerned that the war in Israel make have an impact on the price.

ii. Rates

Mr. Bottiggi passed out a sheet compiled by MMWEC that shows the residential rates. He explained the municipal utilities are in blue and the investor -owned utilities are in yellow at the top. Braintree is really trending down to the bottom of the rates. This is for 750 kilowatt hours. There was discussion.

VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VIII. Tabled Items

None.

IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings

i. Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)

Not Needed.

XI. Adjournment

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. So voted.

James P. Regan
Secretary