

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the BELD Board Room. Those present at the meeting included Chairman Reynolds, Vice Chairman Anthony Agnitti, Secretary Sean Powers and General Manager William G. Bottiggi, all of BELD, Mr. Peter Herbst of the Braintree July 4th Celebration Committee and Mr. John Cass, resident.

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

i. January 13, 2026 Open Meeting

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, seconded by Mr. Powers, to accept the minutes of January 13, 2026 Open Meeting as written. So voted.

II. Items for Action

i. 4th of July Celebration

Chairman Reynolds recognized Mr. Herbst of the July 4th Celebration Committee. Secretary Powers announced that he has filed a disclosure with the Town Clerk's office and with BELD offices that he is recusing himself from this matter so as not to show any appearance of conflict of interest or a conflict of interest. This disclosure will be attached to the minutes. He left the boardroom at this time.

Mr. Herbst explained he is the treasurer of the Braintree 4th of July Celebration Committee. He had sent a letter to the Light Board for consideration. He continued, the presenting sponsor level of advertisement gives naming rights on activities and events; BELD will be on their displays and promotional materials. BELD will get high visibility spot in the parade and signs will show BELD is one of the top presenting sponsors. There was discussion.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, with Mr. Reynolds stepping down to second, to support the 4th of July Celebration as the top presenting sponsor. So voted.

With this matter concluded, Mr. Powers re-entered the boardroom to continue the meeting.

ii. Braintree High School Field

Mr. Bottiggi explained that Mr. MacDonald was approached by Town Recreation/Grounds Department. There were pictures for the Board to see what they need. Mr. Bottiggi explained the area was going down right field – this request is for poles and guy wire and not the netting for foul balls. There was an additional picture showing what is already at French's Common and has worked out great. There was discussion. We have some poles that we bought for a project that we did not end up doing. There was further discussion on height and other specifications.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to use the existing inventory, in addition to purchasing what will be needed to finish the job, and provide the labor costs. So voted.

iii. Nelson Chin Summer Concert Series

Mayor Joyce had sent a letter to Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Bottiggi about the Nelson Chin Summer Concert Series. There was discussion. Mr. Powers volunteered to replace Mr. Regan's position at the concerts that take place at Sunset Lake and one at Smith Beach. There was further discussion.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, seconded by Mr. Powers, to sponsor the Nelson Chin Summer Concert Series. So voted.

iv. EBLL Confirm Vote

Mr. Bottiggi explained that this had been voted on singularly via email and this vote today was to approve that the Light Board had decided on two bronze levels of advertising.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to approve this vote. So moved.

III. Items for Discussion

i. Crisis Communication Plan

Mr. Bottiggi explained that this item is BELD's internal crisis communication plan. This is for major events – major damage or extended outage among other things. The plan includes how the Board will be notified if we ever have a major event.

ii. Watson Update

Mr. Bottiggi gave out a couple of spreadsheets. One was the performance of Watson power plant this winter which was exceptional. He explained winter is December, January and February - we ran about 500 hours and went through about 3 million gallons of oil. New England was pretty much in crisis from the third week in January until the middle of February. We couldn't get water for our Nox control. There was discussion – crews were in for a couple of days. Office workers worked from home for two days. There was discussion. The Board is very appreciative of all the workers and how they stepped up during this difficult time.

Mr. Bottiggi said the other update is about Unit 2 - we have been dealing with a lube oil leak. We have found the problem. Siemens came here and we were able to roll the engine out, pull the first module out. He explained the whole process. There are three O rings, and one was torn – they were able to fix it right here. This took four to five days to disassemble and reassemble. So, we are back in business. There was further discussion about single point of failure items that we have extras of – fuel oil pump, water injection pump and we are getting a spare starting motor.

iii. Elm Street Feeder

Mr. Bottiggi said he wanted the Board to know about this project. We are replacing the Elm Street feeder. It runs underground for a short distance out of Station 10 and then it goes overhead and it goes to Hayward. They will do poles first and then they will pull all new wire for the whole two miles. It is upgrading the size because electric usage is growing. We are doing one feeder a year just to get ahead of it. We have twenty two feeders and we have done eight to ten of them so far. In

response to some questions Mr. Bottiggi explained that we have a five-year plan and Mr. Li is updating right now. Mr. Li and Mr. Bottiggi will go over the five-year plan in the fall with the Board. There was further discussion.

IV. Personnel Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported that we have hired two interns for the summer. One is attending Purdue and is studying mechanical engineering. The other is attending Wentworth and is studying electrical engineering. They both have two more years of school. We received over two hundred resumes. There was discussion.

Mr. Bottiggi said in addition to me, there are many retirements coming up and we are making use of the succession plan and using internal posting. There was discussion on specific jobs and how the process is different if we have a replacement person in-house.

V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)

i. Farmers Market

Mr. Bottiggi explained we bought the Farmers Market the tent they use many years ago. We give them operational support every year. In return, we get a high visibility area at the Farmers Market every week. Mr. Ford, our Business Development Manager, has suggested we increase the amount as costs have increased. There was discussion. We have a high profile there and are able to educate the public on our programs

Voted: on motion of Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to increase our operational support of the Farmers Market. So voted.

ii. MBTA

Mr. Bottiggi said that Mr. Li was informed by the MBTA that they are taking load now. This is probably just testing at this point. We have asked them for a ramp up schedule because they are supposed to get up to six megawatts around the clock and they are not doing that yet.

VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VIII. Tabled Items

None.

IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings

i. May 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)

Not Needed.

XI. Adjournment


Voted: on motion of Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. So voted.

Sean E. Powers
Secretary

**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county, or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	I serve as the Chairman of the Braintree July 4 th Celebration Committee. The Braintree July 4 th Celebration Committee is a 501c3 charity organization. I do not receive any financial compensation, nor do I have any financial interest in the Braintree July 4 th Celebration Committee. I also serve as an elected member of the Braintree Electric Light Board. BELD has for many years prior to my election as an Electric Light Board Commissioner, been a sponsor of the Braintree July 4 th Celebration. BELD is again being asked to be a sponsor for this year's celebration.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	As a member of the Board of Electric Light Commissioners, I would be asked to review and deliberate on the sponsorship request from the Braintree July 4 th Celebration Committee.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I serve as Chair of the Braintree July 4 th Celebration Committee.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	My deliberation and vote as an Electric Light Commissioner on this sponsorship request would impact the Braintree July 4 th Celebration Committee, of which I also serve as the Chair.

<p>Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.</p>	<p>This information will be disclosed to the local reporting authority, in this case the Braintree Town Clerks Office.</p> <p>To remove any potential conflict of interest or any appearance of a conflict of interest, I will not partake in the request of this sponsorship from the Braintree July 4th Celebration Committee. Furthermore, I will recuse myself from deliberating and voting on this matter as a member of the Braintree Electric Light Board.</p> <p>While not necessary, I feel this course of action is important to be transparent.</p>
<p>If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.</p>	<p>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.</p>
<p>Employee signature:</p>	
<p>Date:</p>	<p>4-17-26</p>

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.