

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, General Manager William Bottiggi, Chuck Coyne, all of BELD. Secretary James Regan was not present.

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

i. March 20, 2018 Open Meeting

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of March 20, 2018 Open Meeting as written. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

ii. March 20, 2018 Executive Session

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of March 20, 2018 Executive Session as written. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

II. Items for Action

None.

III. Items for Discussion

i. Energy Storage Project Ribbon Cutting

Mr. Bottiggi reported to the Board that this project is coming along. They are doing the civil work right now. Mattuchio won that bid. We will be the first ones done who received the ACES grant.

We will work with the Clean Energy Center (CEC) to schedule a ribbon cutting – since we are first we may have Lt. Governor Polito, DOER Commissioner Judith Judson, Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton. Mr. Bottiggi will give the Board further details and as much notice on this. There was further discussion.

ii. Potter II Long Term Plan

Mr. Bottiggi reported that the Pay for Performance market starts June 1 and there are penalties if there is a shortage event and you are not online. Potter II could very likely be penalized. We had an event that would have been a shortage event if it was after June 1: prices went up very high and there were two 5-minute events that would have cost us \$108,000 for those ten minutes. There are a lot of renewable energy markets coming in 2020 – they are going to hold a substitution auction so we can do a demand d-list bid. David Cavanaugh of ENE is coming to BELD to explain exactly how this works but we can take ourselves out of the market and be substituted with the wind or a hydro and somehow you still get paid for a year. We will be meeting with ENE later this month and there will be further information for the Board next month. This will require a vote when we do retire Potter II. Mr. Reynolds asked when the retirement would be. Mr. Bottiggi said he thought 2023 – the first time we could enter this auction is March of 2019. That would just start the clock on its retirement. There was further discussion.

iii. Small Cell Antenna Project

Mr. Bottiggi said that AT&T would like to put a small cell antenna on one of our poles on Quincy Avenue and one at five corners. Extenet is the name of the company who would put the antenna up. Then there is fiber needed to go from those areas out of town. He continued, with Ms. Lawrence's help, we have worked out a license agreement with Extenet but he has not signed it yet.

He explained he is getting pushback from Giomare, a subcontractor to AT&T. He continued we want BELD to own the fiber and lease it to AT&T because we want to control how many wires there are. One of the small cell antennas can take up to four providers and they could have four cables running and there could be hundreds of these in town and cables everywhere.

He told Giomare that BELD's lawyer said Giomare has no rights to Braintree's poles because they are not in the telecommunications business. At this point the lawyers will discuss. We do not want this to be just an attachment fee. It is not about the money; it is more about trying to keep the infrastructure from overwhelming our poles. There was further discussion. AT&T has some fiber on some poles but they were Verizon's poles at the time and now those poles are ours as well. AT&T would like to use that same agreement but we do not want to.

IV. Personnel Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported we created a new IT job as part of the cyber security effort and Ming Li is in that position now. He was the Jr. PC Tech, supporting the town. It is a promotion for him and we will now hire a Jr. PC Tech to fill his previous position.

V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VIII. Tabled Items

i. Minutes of February 13, 2018 Executive Session

IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings

i. Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

ii. Discuss Summer Schedule

There was discussion. We will have a meeting every other month in the summer – so July and then September. Exact dates will be determined.

X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)

None.

XI. Adjournment

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the Electric Division meeting at 5:24 p.m. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

James P. Regan
Secretary

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I. Items for Action

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II. Items for Discussion

i. Milton Broadband

Mr. Bottiggi reported to the Board that he received a call from Mr. Joe Chamberlin, a Milton resident who is on the Chair of the recently formed Milton Broadband Committee. They want to look into municipal broadband in Milton, MA. They would do either an i-net for the town buildings or for all the residents and businesses in town to compete with Comcast. Currently, there is only Comcast in Milton. He has also spoken with people in the towns of Norwood and Concord, who is just now starting fiber to the home. Mr. Bottiggi suggested he speak with Jeff Cady, the general manager at the Chicopee Electric. Mr. Bottiggi explained that there are risks involved and sent him some material. Mr. Chamberlin is thinking he could form a cooperative with Canton and Quincy. He wanted to know if BELD Broadband could be the provider. Mr. Bottiggi told him that anything is possible. Mr. Chamberlin would like Mr. Bottiggi to address the Milton Broadband Committee at one of their meetings. Mr. Bottiggi and Mr. Orpen from Braintree and Mr. Hanson, the broadband manager in Norwood are going to go to a meeting in Milton and talk about the challenges of entering the broadband business. There was discussion.

III. Personnel Update

None.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

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None.

VII. Tabled Items

None.

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IX. Executive Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the Broadband Division meeting at 5:35 p.m. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

James P. Regan
Secretary