

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:03 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, Chuck Coyne, all of BELD, Ben and Terry Feehan, residents, and Sean Powers, July 4th Committee.

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

i. April 10, 2018 Open Meeting

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of April 10, 2018 Open Meeting as written. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

II. Items for Action

None.

III. Items for Discussion

i. Milton Broadband

Mr. Bottiggi gave an update to the Board: Joe Chamberlin, the Chair of the Milton Broadband Committee, came over and met with Mr. Bottiggi and Mr. Orpen. They are looking to transition away from Comcast for their iNet and other issues like that. We are not directly involved but we are trying to help them in any way we can. It is possible that we could provide high speed internet service to them via Wood Road area but nothing is planned at this time.

IV. Personnel Update

None.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Public Participation

Chairman Reynolds recognized Mr. & Mrs. Feehan. Mr. Feehan explained he wanted to talk about channel 27, Daystar – this is something they watch quite frequently and were surprised recently that they were having trouble getting that station. He continued: for the last few weeks we do not get it at all. Mrs. Feehan called BELD and found out that we had taken it off. They would like to know why. Mr. Bottiggi explained the situation: the transmit over-the-air station, sort of what we used to have in the good old days, is what is still being used for a dozen channels. We have an antenna at the top of the hill and we collect the signal over the air. This station's transmitter was in southern

New Hampshire and we were able to get the signal. The company has moved their transmitter further north into New Hampshire so it is physically further away from us and we cannot get the signal now. We are not done trying but we have done quite a few things. We are going to continue to try. There was further discussion on Comcast and Verizon and their ability to carry this channel. Mr. Bottiggi said he would be in touch with Mr. & Mrs. Feehan on how successful we are with getting this channel back.

VIII. Tabled Items

None.

IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings

i. Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

X. Executive Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the Broadband Division meeting at 5:09 p.m. So voted.

James P. Regan
Secretary

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:10 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 and Chuck Coyne, all of BELD, Sean Powers, July 4th Committee and Kelly Moore, Braintree Rotary.

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

i. April 10, 2018 Open Meeting

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of April 10, 2018 Open Meeting as written. Mr. Reynolds stepped down and seconded. So voted.

II. Items for Action

i. Rotary Request

Chairman Reynolds recognized Mr. Kelly Moore. Mr. Moore reported that BELD has participated in the Rotary Golf Tournament previously. He continued Rotary is about giving back and this is our largest charitable event – the money goes back into the community. Previously BELD has advertised using the green sponsorship – making use of two green sponsorships. This would include having our advertisements on the greens, one hole, and in the program book. The total for this would be \$700.00.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to continue with the two green sponsorships. So voted.

ii. 4th of July Celebration Committee Request

Chairman Reynolds recognized Mr. Sean Powers. Mr. Powers reminded everyone that BELD and the July 4th Committee have a long standing relationship – back to the 80's when the first donation envelopes were put in with the electric bills being sent out. This continues to this day and the Committee is very grateful. This year's event will be held on Saturday June 30th.

Mr. Powers explained the various ways that BELD sponsorship of this event gets BELD's broadband services out to the public including social media and print ads. Mr. Powers explained something new this year: a partnership with BCAM that gives the ability for them to showcase and highlight the sponsors through the taped telecast of the parade. They do not have the technology yet to televise the event live but they do offer taping and editing so BELD's logo can be shown as the video is edited. The announcers will also have a script mentioning BELD and a PSA. He also thanked BELD crews who hang the giant American flags at the high school. Mr. Regan asked about a theme this year. Mr. Powers said they were going with a laid-back, country theme – the headliner is a Zac Brown tribute band who sound and look like Zac Brown who will be playing for two and half hours. They have moved the fireworks time up to 9:30 p.m. based on feedback from attendees. This also works better for the public safety department.

There was discussion on the parade. BELD is planning on having the truck that went to the USVI to help with hurricane relief. All of our linemen went in crews of two or three. We will also have our bucket truck and an electric vehicle in the parade.

Mr. Powers continued the event is getting larger and there are more costs from an operational standpoint – more infrastructure, more staging, more lights, more portable restrooms. There was discussion about getting more exposure for our Broadband business. Mr. Powers said they are always happy to work with the BELD team on the advertisements efforts. There was discussion on the possibilities of having something at the field so that people could either go on Wi-Fi or a mobile charging station with the BELD logo. This will require

some investigation as to how it would work and how much it would cost. Mr. Powers said he would also have BCAM dedicate a single page exclusively to BELD and the BELD logo on the parade route.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, that we increase our advertising at the 4th of July celebration to \$6,000. So voted.

iii. PURMA/PUMIC Rep – Annual Forms

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to re-appoint Ms. Gail Cohen as BELD's PURMA/PUMIC Representative. So voted.

Form was executed by Chairman Reynolds.

III. Items for Discussion

i. Watson Forward Reserve

Mr. Bottiggi explained the Forward Reserve is the quick start market that the ISO runs twice a year, once just for the summer, June 1 - October 1, and then October 1 – June 1. We didn't clear last winter, prices were very low – they cleared at less than \$1/kilowatt month.

We bid this summer aggressively at \$0.75/kw-mo and it cleared at \$1.78/kw-mo so that is good. If we have perfect performance, which we should get close, the Watson units will make an extra \$641,000 for the four months. We will get 30% of that money to our bottom line. The engineers at the plant do a good job because they have to get the units on and full loaded in under ten minutes.

ii. Potter II Long Term Plan

Mr. Bottiggi reported to the Board on Potter II's long term plan (attached).

iii. Energy Storage Project Ribbon Cutting

Mr. Bottiggi reported to the Board that we are tentatively planning a ribbon cutting ceremony at the site of the energy storage project (Station 9). The date is Thursday, June 28, 2018 mid-morning. He showed a picture of the energy storage unit which got delivered to Hallamore in their lay-down yard. They will bring it over with their 200 ton crane and place it. It is empty – the batteries in it would make it too heavy. The batteries will be coming around May 18, 2018 and the electricians will be installing them the last week of May or the first week of June. There was further discussion. We are hoping some people from the State will come to the ribbon cutting. We will invite people from Town as well.

IV. Personnel Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported that we hired a new customer service representative, Laura Ferris.

V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)

i. Small Cell Antenna Project

Mr. Bottiggi said we are at an impasse right now. We are trying to get AT&T's lawyer to speak with Ms. Lawrence to explain that they do not have rights to be on our poles. Mr. Bottiggi wants BELD to own the fiber and lease it to them and AT&T's sub wants to own the fiber and lease it to them. There was further discussion.

VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)

i. APPA EIA Award

Mr. Bottiggi reported that we have won APPA's Energy Innovator Award and we will accept at the APPA Annual Conference.

ii. Farmer's Market

Mr. Bottiggi explained that the Farmer's Market was looking for \$8,000 – other years they were looking for \$5,000. We have a big presence there – electric vehicles, the tent, the table and we are okay with doing the \$5,000. Mr. Bottiggi feels the Board should vote on the amount. There was discussion.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to continue our involvement with the Farmer's Market in the amount of \$5,000.00. So voted.

iii. Auditors

Mr. Bottiggi reported that we received the final audit report and there are hard copies for the Board if they would like one. If the Board has any questions we will have the auditors come in to a meeting.

iv. Fireboat

Mr. Bottiggi explained that the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, will be coming to BELD tomorrow. The Town thought they would be able to dock the fireboat at the Metropolitan Yacht Club but you cannot have a fireboat near a fuel dock because if the fuel dock goes on fire you cannot get to the boat. Mr. Reynolds will come here and take a look at the area around us. There was discussion.

v. Floating Solar Array

Mr. Bottiggi reported we applied for a grant from APPA and we have won it. This would be to study for a floating solar array. Mr. Reynolds said that would not only produce electricity but it would help with evaporation. Mr. Bottiggi said it also helps with algae growth because the water stays cooler. It would be 4 acres per megawatt so we could do a 40 acre solar array. There is no boating or recreation on the reservoir and that makes it the perfect place to do something like this. There was further discussion.

vi. Braintree Historical Society

Mr. Agnitti reported that the Braintree Historic Society reached out to him and the Society is having some issues and their membership has gone down dramatically and they are trying to refurbish and bring back the four buildings. They are concerned about electric and heat and want to restructure as a historic place to help reduce costs. Mr. Bottiggi said he asked our attorney, Ms. Lawrence about this and she said there is no business reason – no justifiable reason for giving them a special rate. Mr. Bottiggi continued when we do an economic development rate for big businesses that is to attract more business to town. There was further discussion.

VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VIII. Tabled Items

i. Minutes of February 13, 2018 Executive Session

Mr. Regan made a motion to bring the minutes of February 13, 2108 Executive Session from the table. Seconded by Mr. Agnitti. So moved.

Voted: on motion by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2108 Executive Session as written. So voted.

IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings

i. Tuesday, July 17, 2018

X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)

XI. Adjournment

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the Electric Division meeting at 6:10 p.m. So voted.

James P. Regan, Secretary