

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:05 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 Ken Stone, all of BELD, Mike Lang and David Oliva of East Braintree Civic Association (EBCA) and Alice Arena of Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station (FRRACS).

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

i. October 8, 2019 Open Meeting

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, seconded by Mr. Regan, to accept the minutes of October 8, 2019 Open Meeting as written.

II. Items for Action

None.

III. Items for Discussion

i. Gas Compressor Station Update

Mr. Bottiggi explained that we put this on the agenda because the community (EBCA and FRRACS) wanted to come in and have a conversation about the proposed Weymouth gas compressor station.

Ms. Arena reported that one of the reasons they wanted to come in was they saw an email of Mr. Bottiggi's that was part of a chain released as a public document through the Freedom of Information Act. She continued BELD filed on the FERC docket with concerns on the gas pressure and how it was affecting BELD. It appeared to FRRACS that the way that the station was being engineered and after the station was built BELD would have problems.

Ms. Arena said Algonquin/Enbridge have been making the argument that they need to get gas pressure to the electric sector – Mr. Lang was able to speak with a representative from Calpine and asked them if they were also having problems with pressure and they said yes. They asked Calpine what they do and if they were burning more diesel and they said no, they shut down. It appears that what Enbridge is telling the FERC is completely different from the facts on the ground. Mr. Bottiggi said we would be on the suction side of the compressor station so it would not do anything for BELD as far as increasing the gas pressure. He continued: our concern is this could make the problem worse. We track with our instrumentation what the gas pressure is. Mr. Bottiggi said we cannot speak fully here as we are in negotiations with Algonquin. We want more gas pressure so we can make modifications to our plant to help with that. We want them to contribute to the cost of that. He continued both BELD and Calpine are power plants on the suction side of the proposed gas compressor. Mr. Reynolds said the compressor station is a pass-through for the suppliers since it is not helping anyone along the way. Mr. Bottiggi agreed: this will help them move gas north. Fortunately, for the residents of Braintree we have a million gallons of ULSD fuel and the emissions are about the same for natural gas. It has not impacted us economically to have to run on oil vs gas. We would rather run on gas for bidding and other

purposes. We do not want to get to the point where the pressure is so low that we always have to bid on oil.

There was a lengthy discussion and a good exchange of information. The Board expressed sympathy toward their cause. Ms. Arena said we appreciate that and the bottom line is this has to do with health, safety, environment and economy because if that goes in there is no economy in North Weymouth. She continued: people will not want to be there - likely the tax base will go down and there will have to be tax relief to the residents in that area and this would include Quincy Point, Germantown and East Braintree because the facility itself degrades the real estate in the area.

ii. 175-185 Campanelli Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported that this is the area where the Fireking Bakery is and where Amazon was going to go. Mr. Hennessey is the landlord out there and we had a spot located and nailed down for the two engines we are putting up there to do emergency power for Fireking and peak shaving of transmission and capacity. Now that Amazon has pulled out Mr. Hennessey is looking to keep his options open to allow for them to do other things with their building. He is having continuing discussions with Tangent. We will put it anywhere as long as it works electrically and it's legal. The Town does the permitting – Tangent had this all permitted, where the engines were going and they had the building permit. We are just getting an easement from him and then we will sub-license the easement to Tangent. This is a huge benefit to Mr. Hennessey because he is going to have a building with emergency generation for no cost. He understands that and we should be able to work this out within the next week.

iii. BELD Diesel Generator Building Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported this is done. They are peak shaving, 4 megawatt – two 2 megawatt engines.

iv. Generation Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported that the Watson units' lube oil cooler had a weird burp of glycol. He continued: when we shut down 150 gallons of glycol burped out of the system inside the berm – we did not have a spill or anything reportable and we cleaned it up but they haven't figured out why yet. It is safe to run - the unit is so well-protected with trips and low level alarms and we have set up a special camera so we can watch the area. This is similar to what would happen if you were to lose the antifreeze in your vehicle radiator.

IV. Personnel Update

Mr. Bottiggi reported that Mr. Leung, one of the electrical engineers, has resigned.

V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)

None.

VIII. Tabled Items

None.

IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings

- i. Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)

Not needed.

XI. Adjournment

Voted: on motion of Mr. Agnitti, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, to adjourn the Electric Division meeting at 5:54 p.m. So voted.

James P. Regan
Secretary

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Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of October 8, 2019 Open Meeting as written. So voted.

II. Items for Action

i. Customer Information

Mr. Bottiggi explained that two separate FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests came in from Comcast employees trying to get our customer information. We spoke with Ms. Lawrence, BELD's attorney, about this. Our customers should be able to count on a certain level of privacy. There was discussion. Mr. Bottiggi asked Ms. Lawrence to draw up a vote. He said this vote would declare all information relating to the identity, address and usage of our broadband/internet division customers as confidential and is competitively sensitive information. Mr. Bottiggi continued disclosure of our customers' information would adversely affect our ability to conduct business in relation to other entities providing broadband service.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to accept the recommendation of counsel to protect our ratepayers' information. So voted.

III. Items for Discussion

i. KO Cable Update

Mr. Bottiggi said we are close to two months into this process – we announced September 25th that we were leaving cable television. He continued we had about 2100 cable TV customers and about 820 of customers have changed their service from cable and internet to just internet and about 513 have left us: about 220 went to Comcast and 240 went to Verizon and 30 moved out of town. If you look at just those numbers about 61% of our customers who had cable TV are staying with us and switching to streaming, which is very good. There was discussion. The major live-streaming providers – such as Hulu or YouTube do not carry WHDH, Channel 7 Boston. Mr. Bottiggi said he would look into if they had a separate app to stream WHDH.

The other good news is because of the publicity of leaving cable TV we have picked up 70 new customers and there are 32 more in the queue to install – so we are up around 100 new customers. We are booked beyond December 2nd. We are telling our customers to come in and learn about streaming and there are Comcast and Verizon customers coming in as well. We sent out a robocall today and we got inundated with phone calls, we are doing another letter on Friday to the remaining people with cable TV and then another robocall next week before Thanksgiving and then a final letter on December 2nd to say that it is over. There was discussion.

IV. Personnel Update

None.

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VIII. Tabled Items

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i. December 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

This will be the last separate Broadband meeting –BELD internet will be under the electric agenda.

X. Executive Session

None.

IX. Adjournment

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the Broadband Division meeting at 6:00 p.m. So voted.

James P. Regan
Secretary