



## OBSERVER REPORT

**Marblehead Municipal Light Board:** 9/29/20 5pm via GoToMeeting.com  
LWVM Observer: Nancy Powell

Present: Joe Kowalik, Lisa Wolf, Walter Homan, Michael Maccario, Karl Johnson

In her presentation, newly elected commissioner, Lisa Wolf laid the groundwork for a two-pronged approach to promoting energy efficiency for the Town.

- The first component (Connected Homes Program) aims to increase energy efficiency of existing homes by providing cost-cutting incentives to consumers who install electric water heaters, air pump heaters, EV chargers, and high-tech thermostats to better insulate their homes, as well as incentivizing solar panels and home battery storage that could be tapped during expensive peak times and thereby help the Light Board as the town increases electrification.
- The second component is a grid-scale big battery storage project, a cost-cutting measure that would allow MMLB to avoid buying energy from the grid when it is most costly. Both components are key to reducing greenhouse gasses and mitigating climate change.

Board members were receptive to these approaches and indicated they would start by focusing on the things MMLD can do that don't involve public participation (primarily pushing big battery storage) as they continue to collaborate with MMWEC to move forward on the Connected Homes Program.