



MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION: February 23, 2021
LWVM Observer – Bonnie Grenier

Members in attendance: Michael Hull, Walter Homan, Lisa Wolf, Karl Johnson, Nathanael Burke

Sub-Committee on Resiliency: This sub-committee will review the resiliency of municipal electricity services during a time of disruption due to extraordinary circumstances. Nate and Lisa will serve on the committee.

Project Updates:

- The Light and Highway Departments will be working together to bring electricity from Dartmouth Road to the Lucretia and Joseph Brown Elementary School beginning next week. Verizon will be included in this as they will also be providing services to the school.
- MMLD will be working with Verizon on moving two utility poles on Baldwin Road at the new school. One will be moved 45 feet so it will not block an exit from the parking lot. The other may have to go on an island in front of the school or the wiring might go underground.
- Discussion on where and how many chargers for electric vehicles (EV) should be located in the school parking lot. With the expected increase in the number of EVs in coming years, both short-and-long term use should be considered. There are state grants to cover some of the costs of these chargers. Since the School Department employs the greatest number of people in town, it was suggested they take a leadership role in this area.
- There was a broader discussion on where EV charges should be located around town. Both private and public properties should be considered. There are two types of charges, L2 and L3. The L3 charger can charge much more quickly than the L2, so strategic positioning is critical. Roundhouse Road and Tioga Way were suggested as possibilities for the L3s.
- It was suggested that private business such as Crosby's, Shubies, and Village Plaza be invited to a future meeting to discuss locating EV chargers on their properties. Lisa Wolf suggested working with the Chamber of Commerce to reach out to retailers to the discuss the benefits of having EV chargers for use by their patrons. Mike Hull suggested creating a flyer to explain this for businesses.
- EV chargers will be installed at the Mary Alley Office Building and Roundhouse Road in the next two weeks.

- Request for bids for Tree Trimming have not gone out yet. Rights of Way will be done first.
- **Village 13-** An engineering firm will look at the Bessom Street area where they would like to locate a storage battery. There needs to be further study because the location will be near a main sewer line and some of the area is wetland.

Article 45: The MMLD is sponsoring an article to transfer the use of a town-owned land at 21 Lincoln Avenue from school purposes to electric light purposes.