

Minutes of August 17, 2011

Meeting of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant Board

Present Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Mark Carlisle  
Kevin Soucy from Great Northern Electric, Dave & Lisa Dunham  
from Investar & Doug Sattler from Toshiba and Stan Herriott, Manager.

Chairman Ahlin opened the meeting at 2:08 P.M.

Manager Herriott asked if the agenda could be amended to include the reading of the truck bids and the driveway sealing bids. The Commissioners agreed to make these amendments.

Investar opened the discussion with the location sites for the two 2-MW solar arrays. The two sites were 16 Richardson Road and the other one was 133 Winchendon Road. They gave a presentation on the sites and the construction schedule, which was planned for a commercial operations date of July 2012. They chose these sites so they could put two solar arrays on each of the two circuits.

Commissioner Lashua arrived at 2:25P.M.

Manager Herriott noticed the previous proposal only had 1 MW of solar installed on the Winchendon Road site. Manager Herriott was told by Kevin Soucy that they had found a piece of property in the same area that would accommodate the 2 MW system.

The discussion then began with regard to access of the Richardson Road site, which would likely be through the current site of the William J. Bresnahan new Community Center. Manager

Herriott mentioned that he had some informal discussions about bringing the three phase service to the Community Center and through to the connections for the solar arrays. They said that they may entertain such an idea.

The discussion moved to meeting with the selectmen to determine the building permit and the PILOT payment fees. This would need to be completed prior to any PPA being completed.

Manager Herriott asked about the PPA and was told that Toshiba was still reviewing it and felt it should be ready soon possibly early next week. Manager Herriott asked if there would be a structured buyout provision in the PPA. The general discussion determined that there is not likely to be one unless it is driven by AMLP.

In closing the discussion on the project, Investar was going to leave the meeting and go to town hall and try to make arrangements to be on the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting which is scheduled for September 6, 2011.

The people from the solar group left the meeting.

A discussion began about the old land fill site. Manager Herriott said that there are many issues with the site and being in the condition it's in would prevent anything from happening without restating the monitoring of the gas emissions.

Chairman Ahlin called for a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Carlisle seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the vote was unanimous.

Manager Herriott asked if there were any questions regarding the budget through July that was sent out earlier this year. There were none.

Manager expenses of \$292.00 were approved.

Manager Herriott reported on the meter reading problems we had been having over the past couple of months. It seems as though we have resolved most of the issues and the system is back working at its full potential.

Upon further review of the two parcels of land proposed by Investar was brought to the Boards attention that the parcel of land on Winchendon Road is owned by Kevin Lashua. There was no address on the plan presented by Investar at the meeting or any indication of who owned the parcel. Commissioner Ahlin and Commissioner Carlisle indicated to Commissioner Lashua that he could no longer participate in any further discussions involving Investar.

Manager Herriott said that we may have an opportunity to help the Library with solar power. The Trustees are reviewing the possibility of placing collectors on the site. The collectors would be placed on the south side of the building.

Manager Herriott then reported on the wind project. Manager Herriott stated that we are still talking with Flo-Design about locating their turbines on Mr. Vanhoof's land on Blood Hill. Manager Herriott would be reviewing the options offered by Flo-Design and will get back to the Commissioners with his comments.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Carlisle and seconded by Commissioner Lashua the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Carlisle

Secretary