

Open Session Minutes of October 16, 2013

Meeting of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant Board

Present Commissioners: Richard Ahlin & Mark Carlisle. Kevin Lashua (absent)
Stan Herriott Manager

Chairman Ahlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Customer or Citizen Comments: None

Chairman Ahlin recognized our visitors Ms. Pam Hamilton from Irby and Mr. Mike Osterhout from Landis & Gyr. Manager Herriott invited Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Osterhout to attend the meeting because they have been instrumental in pursuing resolution to the issues that we have experienced with the meter system. They have also worked to get some concessions on the equipment cost so to lessen the financial impact on AMLP. Manager Herriott asked them to attend in order to review where we stand today and give an overview of the future system that we may subscribe to.

Mr. Osterhout gave a presentation on the new PLEX system that Landis & Gyr are moving it's TS1 and TS2 customers towards. There was a question and answer period following completion of the presentation. Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Osterhout thanked the Commissioners and exited the meeting at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Chairman Ahlin called for a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from September 18, 2013. A motion was made by Commissioner Carlisle and seconded by Commissioner Ahlin. The vote was unanimous.

Manager Herriott included in the agenda the current un-audited receipts and expenses YTD.

Receipts \$3,787,009.00

Expenses \$3,681,402.00

The Manager Herriott presented the MMWEC printed materials describing the Special Project 2013 B the “Eagle Creek Project”. After some discussion the Chairman asked for a motion to move the recommended vote that was read in Open Session and posted for the meeting of the Ashburnham Board where a majority of Commissioners were present.

***Participation Acknowledgement
Special Project 2013B***

WHEREAS, the undersigned is a Member of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, or a public power entity, whether in Massachusetts or not, which agrees to be bound by all provisions of the MMWEC Service Agreement applicable to Special Projects; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, acting pursuant to Section 11 of the Service Agreement, hereby Agrees to participate in Special Project 2013B in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned desires to participate in the purchase of power from the Eagle Creek hydro projects located in New Hampshire and designated by MMWEC as Special Project 2013B.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed:

1. That the undersigned hereby agrees to become a Participant in Special Project 2013B In accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 11 of the MMWEC Service Agreement which terms and conditions are incorporated herein by reference and shall be fully applicable hereto;
2. That the undersigned hereby agrees that its share of Special Project 2013B shall be 200 KW 2.2 percent of the capacity and associated energy to be derived from Special Project 2013B;
3. That the undersigned hereby agrees to allow non-Member Participants to share in the entitlement or allocation in this Special Project as a Special Project Participant without regard to such Special Project Participants’ Member status;
4. That the undersigned hereby agrees to pay its *pro rata* share of the costs of carrying out Special Project 2013B, as established by the Board in the Special Project Fund as provided to the undersigned, which *pro rata* share shall be based on the undersigned’s participation in Special Project 2013B; and
5. That the undersigned hereby agrees that the undersigned’s preference allocation to the energy from Special Project 2013B shall be equal to its *pro rata* share of Special Project 2013B.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned has caused this instrument to be signed by its duly authorized officer as of this day of 2013.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

City or Town of _____

The motion to accept the vote was made by Commissioner Carlisle and seconded by Chairman Ahlin. The vote was unanimous. Manager Herriott was directed to forward the votes to MMWEC.

Manager Herriott then opened the discussion on the Project 2013C Hancock Wind Project. After some discussion the Commissioners felt that we had enough in our portfolio and there is still a possibility of building a small wind project within the borders of Ashburnham. The Commissioners opted not to participate in the Hancock Wind Project. Chairman Ahlin asked for a motion not to participate in the Special Project 2013 Hancock Wind Project. A motion to not participate was made by Commissioner Carlisle and seconded by Chairman Ahlin. The vote was unanimous.

The Managers Expenses were discussed and authorized for \$205.00.

Manager Herriott gave a report as to where we stood with our current discussions for the Comcast Pole attachment billing. Attorney Scobbo sent a letter and was contacted by the Comcast Attorney who said they would be forwarding some documentation supporting their position of paying less than half of what they paying today for attachment fees. This will be on going.

Manager Herriott opened a discussion on the 2014 budget focused on the Capital Projects, after some discussion the Commissioners asked the Manager to continue the Pole Replacement Program.

They also asked Manager Herriott to look into replacing the remaining Town high pressure sodium street lights with LED street lights Manager Herriott said he would have a draft ready for the next Board Meeting.

Manager Herriott reported on the current pole replacement project. All the poles have been installed and the line crews are transferring the remaining poles as the weekly schedule allows.

The solar project is moving along well. USA has stated they will arrive on Thursday, October 17, 2013 to begin work on the line extension.

No Executive Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20 , 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Ahlin called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Commissioner Carlisle and seconded by Chairman Ahlin. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was closed at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Carlisle

Secretary