

Ashburnham Municipal Light Board

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
24 Williams Road, Conference Room
Ashburnham, MA 01430

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Chairman
Mark Carlisle, Vice Chairman
Stephen Hogan, Secretary

AMLP General Manager: Kevin Sullivan

Other Attendees: Brooke Czasnowski

Ahlin called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm with a roll call vote. Hogan present, Carlisle present, Ahlin present.

Ahlin announced all Board meetings are subject to audio and video recording.

Carlisle made a motion to accept the revised agenda. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.

Hogan made a motion to approve the July 17th open session meeting minutes. Carlisle seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.

General Manager Items:

Residential Distributed Generation Policy (RDGP) Update: Sullivan updated the Board on the RDGP timeline. He said the solar moratorium has been lifted. Packets were mailed to the first round of customers interested in residential PV. The RDGP and Schedule SA are now available on the website. Letters went out to the remaining customers informing them they would not be in the first round of solar installations. Sullivan has begun setting up meetings with customers to explain the process of installing solar in Ashburnham.

Battery Storage Cost Avoidance to Date: Sullivan presented his Battery Storage Value to AMLP 2019 spreadsheet. He stated that the August peak was missed due to thunderstorms.

2019 Environmental Focus: Sullivan asked the Board for a vote to show the AMLP's support for House Bill No. 2863.

House Bill No. 2863 presented by Representative Golden and Senator Gobi is *"An Act relative to greenhouse gas emissions standards for municipal lighting plants, for the purpose of promoting the Commonwealth's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions while acknowledging and preserving the statutory scheme of chapter 164*

which places municipal lighting plant operations, finances, and rates under local control."

Carlisle made a motion to agree to support House Bill No. 2863. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye, Hogan aye.

General Managers Contract: The Board let Sullivan know that they are extremely pleased with his performance. They said he had another amazing year. The Board awarded Sullivan with a 10% bonus and a 3% salary increase.

Misc: Sullivan stated that he emailed the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Commissioner, Judith Judson, to ask her about the possibility of a zero-emission grant.

In addition, Sullivan reached out to the First Student General Manager to have a conversation regarding electric buses.

The next meeting for the Board was scheduled for September 18, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Carlisle made a motion to enter executive session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A: Section 21(a) 3. To discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Rivers suit), if the open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Hogan seconded. Vote was taken at 5:34 pm. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.



Stephen Hogan, Secretary