

Ashburnham Municipal Light Board

Wednesday, November 20, 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, Kevin Casey (customer)

Ahlin called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with a roll call vote. Hogan present, Carlisle present, Ahlin present.

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

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

Citizen Speak: Kevin Casey came to the meeting to discuss the size of his proposed photovoltaic system. Sullivan provided Casey with version two of the Residential Distributed Generation Policy (RDGP) and pointed out one change. Sullivan gave the Board a brief overview of Casey's request to install a photovoltaic array that is larger than that permitted by the RDGP. Casey explained to the Board the reasons for wanting to install a larger system. The Board agreed with Sullivan's decision to limit the system size to that allowed by the RDGP. Casey thanked the Board for their time.

Hogan made a motion to approve the October 23rd open session meeting minutes. Carlisle seconded. All in favor. Hogan aye, Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye.

General Manager Items:

PPCA and NYPA Refiling: Sullivan stated that the existing language used in the Purchased Power Cost Adjustment (PPCA) and the NYPA Adjustment Clause (also known as PASNY) is restrictive. Sullivan changed the language to be less restrictive and after Board approval will refile. Carlisle made a motion to accept the revised PPCA and the NYPA Adjustment Clause. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.

Solar – Integrys Billing Discrepancy: Sullivan stated that he has not received a response from Integrys. He would like to have this resolved by the end of the year and will be contacting Integrys again if he does not receive a response.

Solar Program Update: Sullivan provided the Board with an update on the solar program. He stated that there are 59 customers on the solar interest list. In May letters went out to the first 12 customers on the list. Of these customers 8 came in for a meeting and 2 have decided to move forward with solar. In November letters were sent to the next 10 customers on the list. The deadline from the DOER for the grant is March 30, 2020.

Solar – Generation and PPA MMWEC: Sullivan stated that MMWEC is interested in possible commercial photovoltaic opportunities. They are working to get cost information and develop a template to evaluate projects.

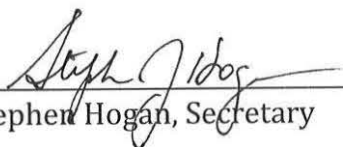
Day After Thanksgiving as Holiday: Sullivan stated that per the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) a vote was needed to decide if the represented employees would receive the day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday in 2019. Sullivan recommended that the Board vote in favor of the paid holiday. Carlisle made a motion to give the employees represented by the CBA the day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday in 2019. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Ahlin aye, Carlisle aye, Hogan aye.

GM Vacation Carry: Sullivan asked the Board to vote to allow him to carry an extra 40 hours of vacation time to 2020. His contract allows for 40 hours of vacation to be carried to the following year and Sullivan would like to carry 80 hours. Hogan made a motion to allow Sullivan to carry over an additional 40 hours of vacation time to 2020. Carlisle seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye, Hogan aye.

EV Charging Station Update: Hogan provided an update on the EV charging station. He stated that the pad is being poured at the library, the post is in the ground and the conduit is there. The project should be complete by the end of the year.

The next meeting for the Board was scheduled for December 17, 2019 at 9:00am.

Carlisle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.



Stephen Hogan, Secretary