

Ashburnham Municipal Light Board

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Virtual Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Chairman

Stephen Hogan, Vice Chairman

Candace Wright, Secretary

AMLP General Manager: Kevin Sullivan

Other Attendees: Brooke Czasnowski, Jeffrey Schrecke

Hogan called the meeting to order at 9:02 am with a roll call. Ahlin present, Hogan present, Wright present.

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

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

Selection of Board Positions: Hogan suggested Ahlin serve as Chair, Hogan as Vice Chair, and Wright as Secretary. All in agreement. Hogan made a motion to rearrange the Board, effective today, appointing Ahlin as Chair, Hogan as Vice Chair, and Wright as Secretary. Wright seconded. All in favor. Hogan aye, Wright aye, Ahlin aye.

Hogan made a motion to approve the April 25, 2022, open session meeting minutes. Ahlin seconded. All in favor. Hogan aye, Ahlin aye, Wright abstained.

Citizen Speak: No citizen comments.

General Manager Items:

Aerial Cable System Update: Sullivan stated that we have experienced delays with pole deliveries for this project due to supply issues. To date half of the poles ordered for the project have been delivered and the contractor is able to begin work. Sullivan stated that the contractor should reach substantial completion by August/September.

Building Renovation Update: Sullivan stated that the bid for the Business Office Alterations was advertised on 5/4. On 5/10 two contractors attended the pre-bid meeting. The bid opening is scheduled for 5/24 and the Board will vote to award the bid on 5/27.

Solar Discussion: Sullivan informed the Board that he has been researching the standby and maintenance fees for solar customers. Sullivan contacted many MLP's again to see what they charge, and most of the information he is receiving back has

not changed. Sullivan sent an email to the grandfathered solar customers to keep them informed about his progress.

Electric Vehicle Charging Grant: Sullivan stated that the installation of the new Electric Vehicle Charging Station has been delayed due to issues with the new location of River St and Main St.

Hogan made a motion to enter executive session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A: Section 21(a) and the following clauses:

3. To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

10. To discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively sensitive, or other proprietary information provided in the course of activities conducted by a governmental body as an energy supplier.

Wright seconded. Vote was taken at 9:24 am. All in favor. Hogan aye, Wright aye, Ahlin aye. (Schrecke left the meeting).

Hogan made a motion to exit executive session and return to open session at 9:49 am. Wright seconded. All in favor. Hogan aye, Wright aye, Ahlin aye.

MMWEC Special Project 2021A: Ahlin stated he will entertain a motion to vote and agree to participate in MMWEC's Special Project 2021A. Hogan made a motion to agree upon the following vote:

1. that the Town of Ashburnham, acting by and through the Municipal Light Board, in accordance with St. 1975, c. 775, § 1 hereby votes and agrees to participate in MMWEC's Special Project 2021A; and
2. that the Town of Ashburnham acting by and through the Municipal Light Board, in accordance with St. 1975, c. 775 § 1 hereby agrees to pay its *pro rata* share of the costs of carrying out Special Project 2021A, as established by the MMWEC Board of Directors in the Special Project Fund for such Special Project 2021A, which *pro rata* share shall be based on the Town's participation in Special Project 2021A; and
3. that the Manager is hereby authorized and directed to make payments to MMWEC calculated as set forth in the preceding paragraph 2; and
4. that the Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Participation Acknowledgement, a copy of which has been presented at this meeting and is filed with the permanent records thereof; and

5. that any actions previously taken by the Manager, which are consistent with the purpose of this vote, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Ahlin asked for a second. Wright seconded. Vote was taken at 9:50 am. All in favor. Hogan aye, Wright aye, Ahlin aye.

The next meeting for the Board is scheduled for Friday, May 27th, at 10:00 am at the AMLP office to award the bid for the Office Renovation Project.

The June meeting for the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd, at 9:00 am at the Public Safety Building.

Hogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wright seconded. Vote was taken at 9:58 am. All in favor. Hogan aye, Wright aye, Ahlin aye.



Candace Wright, Secretary