

# Ashburnham Municipal Light Board

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant  
24 Williams Rd, Ashburnham, MA 01430

## Meeting Minutes

Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Chairman  
Mark Carlisle, Vice Chairman  
Candace Wright, Secretary  
General Manager: Brooke Czasnowski  
Other Attendees: Jeffrey Schrecke, Aili Ruuska

Ahlin called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with a roll call. Carlisle present, Wright present, Ahlin present.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Wright made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Carlisle seconded. All in favor. Wright aye, Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye.

**Reorganization of the Board:** The Board unanimously decided to keep the current organization of the Board. Carlisle made a motion for the organization of the Board to remain the same with Richard Ahlin as Chairman, Mark Carlisle as Vice Chairman, and Candace Wright as Secretary. Wright seconded. All in favor. Ahlin aye, Carlisle aye, Wright aye.

**Approval of Minutes:** Wright made a motion to approve the April 17, 2024, open session meeting minutes. Carlisle seconded. All in favor. Wright aye, Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye. Wright made a motion to approve the February 28, 2024, executive session meeting minutes. Carlisle seconded. All in favor. Wright aye, Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye.

**Citizen Speak:** No citizen comments.

### General Manager Items:

Cost of Service Study: Czasnowski presented the Board with proposed rates for each rate class. The Board discussed the financial impact of the proposed rates. The Board will review the Cost of Service Study at the next Board Meeting.

Budget & Power Bill Analysis Update: Czasnowski presented the Board with a budget summary that reflected the approved 2024 Operating Budget. The presentation showed all

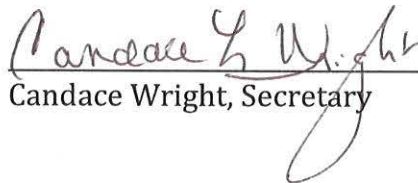
items within expected ranges. She also presented the Board with the power bill expenses and sales for the year.

**Other Updates:**

- *Osmose Update:* Czasnowski informed the Board that as of 4/24 Osmose has tested 3,610 poles and there are 827 left to be tested. AMLP is developing a schedule to replace the poles Osmose identified as needing replacement.
- *Residential Distributed Generation Policy (RDGP):* The Board will revisit the RDGP policy as the proposed new rates are discussed at upcoming Board meetings.
- *Downtown Sidewalk Project:* The project is currently ahead of schedule. Replacement decorative posts have been ordered with a lead time of 9-12 weeks.
- *Battery Storage Opportunities:* Board discussed battery storage opportunities and decided to revisit the conversation at a future meeting.
- *Vehicles Repairs:* Truck 65 is out of service and is at Altec to replace the bucket.
- *Recognition:*
  - o Richard Ahlin received the Philip W. Sweeney award at the MMWEC Annual Conference for twenty-five years of service to AMLP.
  - o AMLP received American Public Power Association's Certificate of Excellence in Reliability for significantly exceeding the 5-year average for all U.S. electric utilities for reliable service.
- *Upcoming Meetings:* Ahlin and Czasnowski will attend the MEAM Conference in May.

The next meeting for the Board was scheduled for May 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant. The Board also scheduled a meeting for June 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant

Carlisle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wright seconded. The vote was taken at 11:40 a.m. All in favor. Wright aye, Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye.

  
Candace Wright, Secretary