

Ashburnham Municipal Light Board

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
24 Williams Road, Conference Room
Ashburnham, MA 01430

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners: Rick 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 4:02 pm with a roll call vote. Carlisle present, Hogan present, Ahlin present.

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

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

General Manager Items:

Meter Replacement Update: Sullivan stated that as of 9/12 there were 2,000 residential meters replaced. He presented information from the Board packet to show the difference between the Command Center reporting capabilities on a new PLX system meter compared to a legacy TS1 system meter.

Temporary Generator Update: According to Sullivan, on Monday 9/3 the generator ran and clipped the transmission peak. Running the generator had not been planned. In addition, there was a New England power emergency this day. The new transmission peaks were also clipped on 9/4 and 9/5. On Thursday 9/6 the generator failed to synch, and the new higher September peak was missed due to the synch failure. Sullivan was on the phone with the tech trying to get the generator to work, but they were not successful. The generator was removed Friday 9/7. The May, June, July and August transmissions peaks were clipped as well as the capacity peak. MMWEC will be doing a financial review of the project and Sullivan will present the cost benefit at a future time.

Battery Storage Project Update: Sullivan stated that all contracts and documents between NECES, MMWEC and the AMLP have been executed. The geotechnical soil evaluation is complete. It was determined that the coal tar is from decaying pine needles. Sullivan stated that the current battery will be on the right side and the future battery will go on the left. The land clearing is underway by EcoEarth Recycling; the tree line has been cut and the stumps will be removed. EcoEarth

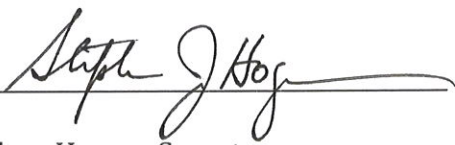
Recycling will also be responsible for erosion control. Sullivan stated that the site contractor packet is being assembled and seven local contractors have been contacted to bid. If everything goes as planned the battery could be online 1/1/19. The electrical distribution will be above ground. The pole and anchor are scheduled to be placed on 10/3. The soil has a lot of organic matter so most of it will not be able to be used as fill and will be trucked to the transfer station.

Additional Items:

- Ron DiCourzio hand delivered a letter from MMWEC explaining the misstep with the battery storage project. There was breakdown with communicating as a team. Going forward they will be utilizing an inventory list and will hold meetings twice a week on the project. At the end of the second weekly meeting, the Light Department Manager will be called to discuss the inventory list.
- Sullivan said that the 2012 Chevrolet pickup truck with 118,000 was sold through an auction with GovDeals. These funds will be used to purchase an electric vehicle.
- On 9/3 a major gas generator in New England failed. Sullivan said that the AMLP ran our generator for 1 hr and 21 minutes. MMWEC ran every available asset as well. During the emergency power went up to \$1,000/MW and then shot up to \$2,700/MW. This impacted all New England.
- The cutout replacement project is ongoing.

The next meeting for the Board was scheduled for October 24, 2018 at 4:00pm.

Ahlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carlisle seconded. Vote was taken at 4:53 pm. All in favor. Hogan aye, Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye.



Stephen Hogan, Secretary