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Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant Recognized with Commonwealth's "Leading by Example" Award

Boston, MA – December 7, 2022 – Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant (AMLPL) has been recognized by the Baker-Polito Administration for its decarbonization and clean energy efforts.

AMLPL received the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) "Leading by Example" award in a ceremony at the State House yesterday. The light department was one of seven award recipients across the state, including those in the municipal category, state entities and public sector individuals recognized for their leadership in promoting initiatives that decarbonize operations and reduce environmental impacts.

AMLPL General Manager Kevin Sullivan was presented the light department's award by DOER Commissioner Patrick Woodcock. The light department was recognized for a series of actions taken over recent years, including major energy efficiency upgrades at the AMLPL office and garage, including the installation of a heat pump and upgraded insulation; the installation of an electric vehicle (EV) charger at Town Hall; the purchase of an EV for the light department; the installation of a three-megawatt energy storage project; and the installation of 36 kilowatts of solar PV. AMLPL also participates in the Berkshire Wind project.

"The AMLPL is humbled by receiving the Leading by Example award," said AMLPL General Manager Kevin Sullivan. "Management continues to do its best to meet the social and environment responsibilities expected by our customers. We are so fortunate that the careful governance of the utility and the vision of its Board of Commissioners has kept the AMLPL laser focused on this goal."

Bill Bullock, Sustainable Energy Policy & Program Senior Manager at AMLPL's joint action agency and decarbonization partner, the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), said AMLPL is setting a great example.

"AMLPL has truly lead by example in the deployment of clean energy technologies to decarbonize operations and cost effectively serve its stakeholders," Bullock said. "AMLPL is a great example of a public power entity utilizing the agility of local control to quickly and effectively deploy groundbreaking strategies with the help of robust Massachusetts programs, like Green Communities, Advancing Commonwealth Energy Storage (ACES) and Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP)."

The awards ceremony represented the 16th annual recognition of clean energy and decarbonization leadership in the Commonwealth.

To learn more about AMLPL and its decarbonization efforts, visit www.amlpl.org or www.nextzero.org/Ashburnham.

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