

Board of Light Commissioners - Minutes - Public Meeting

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Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 - 6:00pm

[Board of Light Commissioners June 12, 2019 Public Meeting](#)

DATE: June 12th, 2019 6:00 PM

LOCATION: PMLD Office, 168 Worcester Rd, Princeton MA

"The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours before said meeting, which may be discussed at the meeting.~ Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law."

Attendance: Rick Rys, Chris Conway, Brian Allen, Richard Chase

Public: Approximately 12 residents.

MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Review and Vote to Approve the June 12, 2019 Meeting Agenda
Approved 3-0
- Review and Vote to Approve the following Meeting Minutes:
 - May 8, 2019 Public Meeting Minutes
 - Approved 2-0 Richard Chase abstained since he was not a commissioner during that meeting.
 - June 4, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
 - This was passed over. The minutes were not ready and executive session minutes should not be approved in open session.
- General Manager's Report:
 - Bank Balances – Mr. Allen presented the Board with the bank account balances report dated June 12, 2019 (a copy will be placed on file).
 - Citizen's Bank Operating account has a balance of \$178,148.67
 - Depreciation account has a total balance of \$1,076,816.61
 - MMDT Rate Stabilization account has a balance of \$925,532.47
 - Unibank Operating account has a balance of \$5,207.23
 - Meter Deposit account has a balance of \$36,591.85
 - Vendor accounts payable \$95,119.37
 - Electric Customer accounts receivable \$222,556.46
 - All bills are paid in a timely manner
- Review the DOER & MLP Solar Incentive Program
 - PMLD limits, the PMLD contribution to \$3K per system for up to a 5Kw system so that one large system does not take all of the incentive money available. The customer can receive an additional \$3K from DOER for a total of \$6K. There has been interest and applications. This opportunity is on a first come first serve basis. Details are on the PMLD.com website. PMLD will own and retire the RECs. The program is managed by MMWEC for PMLD and other Munis.

- Review the EV Charging Program
 - Time managed ChargePoint Charger, managed by MMWEC. This demonstration program will provide a free or discounted charger and MMWEC will collect the data to determine the value of this for reducing grid load at peak times. Details are on the website.
 - PMLD has installed 2 EV chargers and new transformer at the Audubon.
 - Comment by Phil Gott, Beaman Rd. Groton, MA study shows that secondary transformers may require replacement or staggered charging if multiple EV's are being charged off a single secondary transformer.
 - Staffing issues
 - Resignation of Christine Trudeau, Brian Allen noted that she has given her notice with her last day of 6/7/2019.
 - Retirement of Mary Veinotte, Brian and the Commissioners expressed thanks for her 32 years of service to PMLD.
 - Discuss the Open PMLD Employment Positions
 - Accountant Book keeper
 - Customer Service & billing; HELPS program, meter reading, customer accounts, Bill Trust system
 - Unionization of linesmen, Brian Allen has been notified that the linesmen have joined IBEW Union. Brian is working on the Union Contract.
- Other/New Business
 - A member of the public asked about and lamented the resignation of Christine Trudeau. Commissioner Conway responded that there had been a number of toxic postings about the campaign on Nextdoor. The other commissioners agreed that it was unfortunate that this and discussions on other topics have become toxic on Nextdoor.
 - Larry Todd, Historic Commission, lighting on the Town Common. Old fixtures to be replaced with matching fixtures from Rt 140 project. The old Town Common fixtures are in need of repair and parts are no longer available. An additional quantity of the same lights for Rt 140 were ordered and will be installed on the Common.
 - Set Future Meeting Times
 - After discussion and vote, the time was chosen to remain @ 6:00 pm for future meetings.
- Public Questions and Comments
 - No additional items were raised.
- Adjourn 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Chase, Clerk.