

TOWN PRINCETON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2021**

The public meeting was called to order at 4:12 PM.

Present were Commissioner/Chairman- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Richard Chase, Commissioner- Phil Gott, General Manager- Sean McKeon, Ashley Reddy, and Karen Mammone.

Agenda:

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the August 11, 2021, agenda as written.

Meeting Minutes:

July 14, 2021, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the meeting minutes as written.

General Manager's Report:

• **Current Bank Balances-**

Ms. Reddy presented the Board with the bank account balances report dated August 11, 2021. A copy will be placed on file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

• **2021 Cashflow Budget Review-**

Mr. McKeon presented the Board with a copy of the 2021 budget detail dated August 9, 2021. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for January-June 2021 with a target of 50.00%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 51.59% and expenses were at 51.10%.

• **Update on Operations:**

○ **Recloser and Transformer Fluids (SF6 Etc.):**

There are three reclosers in Princeton. Mr. Courville researched the type of gas within the reclosers. Our vacuum switches do not contain SF6 (Sulfur hexafluoride). The transformers are still being tested for PCB oils.

○ **NextEra Discussions:**

Mayflower Wind:

At the last meeting, an opportunity to buy into Mayflower Wind was discussed. As of today, Mayflower Wind will need to look at a few things before committing to a price.

PASNY Clarification:

Commissioner Chase went over a PASNY (Power Authority of the State of New York) report. The information on the PASNY presentation was taken from the auditors 2020 DPU report.

Mr. McKeon will discuss not moving the wind behind the meter with NextEra.

○ **Diesel Generator:**

Mr. McKeon had not received the diesel generator report from MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company) before the start of tonight's meeting. Mr. McKeon believes we hit the transmission peak this month.

○ **Website/ Facebook:**

Commissioner Gotts contact information will be changed on the PMLD website.

Discussed updating website to show town load and wind load.

○ **NEPPA Meeting:**

Commissioner Rys and Mr. McKeon will be attending the upcoming NEPPA conference which will take place from Sunday, August 22nd to Wednesday, August 25th in Portland, Maine. Commissioner Rys will take notes during the conference, sharing what he learned with Commissioners Chase and Gott.

• **Other Operations Updates:**

- Replaced 11 transformers that tested positive for PCB's. The 11 transformers have been picked up and properly recycled.
- We sampled the oil in every transformer in town and samples were sent to a testing facility. Any transformer that comes back with a positive test result will be replaced.
- Mr. Courville and Mr. McKeon gave a tour of the wind site to Greater Lawrence Technical School.
- Mr. Austin passed his CDL license. (Class B Commercial Driver's License)
- PMLD received an award for Safe and Sustainable Education Program.
- Currently working on conversion work on Brooks Station Road, Lover's Lane, and Old Brooks Station. The goal is to have the work completed by the end of the month.

Commercial HVAC Rebates & Dropping Support for any Fossil Based HVAC:

Board voted (3-0) unanimously not to support subsidized fossil fuel use for residential or commercial customers.

The Board discussed possibly offering rebates for new construction and commercial customers. Discussions will continue at a future meeting.

EV Charging Systems for Non-Residential Customers:

The EV charging system would be for businesses interested in hosting a level 2 charger. The Board discussed giving an EV charger (limit 2) per location. The owner of the facility would be responsible for having the EV chargers installed. The Board voted (3-0) unanimously to support the EV charging system for Non-Residential Customers.

New Business:

No new business.

Public Session:

No public comments.

At 6:32 PM the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone-Recording Secretary