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BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2021

The public meeting was called to order at 4:07 PM.

Present were Commissioner/Chairman- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Richard Chase, Commissioner- Phil Gott, General Manager- Sean McKeon, Brian Booth, Ashley Reddy, Charlie Cary, Bruce Jacobson, Brian Pellerin, Dag Olsen, John Zimmatore and Karen Mammone.

Agenda:
The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the October 13, 2021, agenda as written.

Meeting Minutes:
August 11, 2021, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board voted unanimously (2-0) to accept the meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Gott abstained from approving Minutes.

General Manager's Report:

- ***Current Bank Balances***–
  The Board read over the bank account balances report dated October 13, 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 October 8, 2021. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for January-August 2021 with a target of 66.67%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 69.46% and expenses were at 68.84%.

- **Update on Operations:**
  - **NEPPA Rodeo:**
    The Linemen attended the NEPPA Rodeo from September 21st -23rd. During the three-day Conference, one day was for competition. There were six events during the contest with the possibility of earning a perfect score of six hundred points. Our Linemen finished the day with 594 points, earning first place in the Pole Transfer.

  - **NextEra Discussions:**
    As of the October 13th meeting, there is no added information on NextEra discussions.

  - **Peaking Generator:**
    During the second week of September, the generator was removed. PMLD was able to hit every transmission peak in May (bonus), June, July & August. The transmission savings paid for the project. In the end the savings may end up being $150,000 for the rate payers.
    Eighteen residents signed up for text messages under the HELPS program peak load alert and thirteen residents receive manual notifications.

- **Website/ Facebook:**
  PMLD periodically update post and rebates on website. The Board discussed submitting an article in the Landmark or Redemption News with details on what is available at PMLD.

- **Other Operations Updates:**
  - ARS won the tree trimming bid for 2021.
  - PMLD removed three PCB transformers from the system. Close to having zero transformers with PCBs.
  - The vegetation management on Beaman Road has been completed.
  - The ADA modifications at PMLD is about 90% complete.
  - The South Turbine could not remotely communicate. The problem has been solved.
  - The prep work on Brooks Station Road and Lover's Lane for 13-8 conversion has been completed.

Solar Net Metering Policy:
As a solar owner, Commissioner Rys excused himself from the discussion. Both Commissioners Chase and Gott, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Jacobson, and Mr. Olsen discussed finding a solution of a balanced policy between solar and non-solar residents. Discussion on Solar net metering will be continued.

Commercial Solar Discussion w/ Planning Board:
Commissioner Rys recently attended a breakfast with the Planning Board. There was talk of a 1-megawatt solar field at the old landfill in Princeton. PMLD could help but will not have ownership if a community solar field is built in town.

Executive Session:
The Board discussed having an Executive session meeting the week of October 18th to discuss the NextEra contract. All Board members will check their schedules.

Review MCAN Score Card:
This year's MCAN score card has PMLD at the bottom 1/3 of 41 MUNI'S. The PMLD score was low due to our power portfolio making up 50% of the score. The scoring should improve next year with changes PMLD is trying to implement.

Green Commissioners/Vulnerability:
Commissioner Gott informed the board there will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 20th at 2 pm with the MVP team to discuss where to start with the grant process. One thought was for a second source of power for Princeton. A grant could help pay the cost of hooking up with another community.

The Environmental League of MA is encouraging all MLP'S (Municipal Light Plant) to go green and are trying to encourage other communities who have IOU's (Investor-Owned Utilities) to become MLP's because MLP's on average they have 46% of the electric rates of IOU's.

Commercial HVAC Rebates:
Discussion continued on trying to find the best and fair rebate for commercial businesses in town. Mr. McKeon sent the Commissioners a chart showing what funding would look like at 2%, 3% and 5% for commercial rebates. Mr. McKeon would like guidelines so he may create a policy and have the Commissioners go over it at the next meeting.

EV Charging System for Non-residents:
If a business is interested in having an EV charging station, PMLD would provide a Level 2 charger, but the business owner would pay for power and installation. The board is looking for the best place to install a Level 2 charger in Princeton. A suggested site could be one of the trail heads in town. Mr. McKeon will make calls before the next board meeting.

New Business:
Commissioner Chase suggested having a public session where residents could ask the General Manager and Commissioners questions since there appears to be questions on Facebook and NextDoor. Mr. Jacobson thought PMLD is doing an excellent job otherwise there would be more people attending the BOLC meetings.

Mr. Cary spoke about the Tool Lending Program. This program is to help Princeton residents make informed decisions. Mr. McKeon asked Mr. Cary to make a list of tools the EAC (Environmental Action Committee) is looking to have in their library.

Commissioner Rys would like to finalize a strategic plan for PMLD. Mr. McKeon created a chart to deliver safe, reliable, and competitively priced electricity. Commissioner Gott would like to add sustainable after electricity.

Amended the wording to read-"Deliver safe, reliable sustainable competitively priced electricity."

Public Session:
No public comments.

At 6:00 PM the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone-Recording Secretary