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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS  
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 2022**

**Action Items:**

- To reduce PMLD'S energy bill, Mr. McKeon will create a list and find contractors willing to bid so PMLD may submit application to the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission.
- Ms. Reddy will call Town Hall to find out how the breakdown of the annual appropriation to Worcester Regional is calculated.

The public meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM.

Present were Commissioner/Chairman- Rick Rys, General Manager- Sean McKeon, Ashley Reddy, Chris Courville, and Karen Mammone. Attending via ZOOM Commissioner-Phil Gott, Commissioner-Richard Chase, and AMM (3:10 PM).

**Agenda:**

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the February 16, 2022 agenda as written.

**Meeting Minutes:**

**January 12, 2022 Public Meeting Minutes-** The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the meeting minutes.

**General Manager's Report:**

**Current Bank Balances-**

The Board read over the bank account balances report dated February 16, 2022. 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 February 10, 2022. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for January-December 2021 with a target of 100.00 %. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 103.85 % and expenses were at 99.54%.

**Update on Operations:**

- Mr. Courville reported the slipping on the south turbine was replaced by Baldwin.
- A new Transdata Revenue Meter (wind meter) was ordered for the turbines.
- A new pole was set on Brooks Station Road near the Rutland line.
- Two employees were quarantined this month after Covid exposure.
- Work continued on Brooks Station Road, Lovers Lane, and Old Brooks Station Road with the primary conversion project.
- The Linemen are working road by road on the 13800 & 7970 system, installing ground rods and verticals, bonding guy wires to the neutral as it should be according to the National Electric Safety Code.
- Completed work on Mirick Road and Osgood Lane this month. Currently working on Brooks Station Road from Radford Road to Ball Hill Road looking for weaknesses in the neutral system and replacing with the proper size wire.

- Mr. Pellerin has completed outage audits for the years 2020 and 2021. Starting in 2022, the data will be entered monthly.
- Mr. McKeon completed his role as part of a search committee looking for a new Executive Director at NEPPA (Northeast Public Power Association).
- Transmission owners lost their fight to reconstitute demand charges, battery storage or anything behind the meter. If this had passed, it would have made it difficult to have a peak generator help reduce our transmission cost.

**MMWEC /Batteries:**

MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company) will be working with battery providers to get a group pricing for utilities. There are approximately fifteen utilities interested in participating. MMWEC will reach out to schedule a meeting, ask each utility what would work for them, either owned or shared savings.

**Hubbardston Road Solar Project:**

There is interest in installing a solar project on town property in Princeton. The property is located on Hubbardston Road. The Select Board discussed creating a committee. The PMLD Board thought the committee should consist of 5-to-7 members from several boards in town. Commissioner Chase volunteered to serve on the committee.

**Solar Net Metering Policy:**

As a solar owner, Commissioner Rys excused himself from the discussion.

Commissioners Chase, Gott and Mr. McKeon continued to discuss Solar Net Metering policy. No decision on policy with discussions continuing at the next meeting.

**Parking Lot:**

Commissioner Gott mentioned ARC will be holding a Climate and Environmental Fair. PMLD will participate in the event passing out information from the NextZero program (formerly known as HELPS).

*Typo- should read EAC not ARC amended (3-0) on March 9, 2022.*

Commissioner Gott spoke to the Board about the Princeton Police Department looking to have a covered parking place for their cruisers and the department thought PMLD could help. Decided the Police Department should fund their own covered parking.

Mr. McKeon's action item from last week was how often rates can be changed. Mr. McKeon told the Board they can change the rates as often as they want to. Commissioner Rys mentioned the rates have not changed in years.

Commissioner Rys asked the Board members if they would prefer meeting at 3pm. The Board voted 3-0 unanimously to continue having the Board of Selectmen meetings at 3pm.

**Public Session:**

No public comments

**At 5:39 PM the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.**

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Karen Mammone  
Recording Secretary***