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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES (AMENDED)
May 11, 2022**

Action Items:

- Commissioner Gott will send a preamble to Mr. McKeon for the Solar Net Metering Policy.
- Commissioner Chase will incorporate added items to the solar net metering policy for a final draft.
- Mr. McKeon will post on the PMLD website information concerning the rental generator at the wind site.

The public meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.

Present were Commissioner/Chairman- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Phil Gott, General Manager- Sean McKeon, John Kowaleski, Dallas Wait, Mary Bennett, Chris Courville, Ashley Reddy, and Karen Mammone.

Attending via ZOOM- Commissioner Richard Chase and AMM.

AMM should be identified as *Aiden McCaughey from Green Development.*

Agenda:

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the May 11, 2022, agenda as written.

Meeting Minutes:

April 13, 2022, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the meeting minutes as written.

General Manager's Report:

Current Bank Balances-

The Board read over the bank account balances report dated May 11, 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 2022 budget detail dated May 10, 2022. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for January-March 2022 with a target of 25.00 %. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 23.91 % and expenses were at 23.32%.

Update on Operations:

- Converting the line at the end of Brooks Station Rd from 4800 to 7970.
- The Tree Warden marked four dead trees in town which recently were removed.
- Internal Training online was complete for the Exchange of Notice forms with Verizon and online communications with Verizon and cable charter.
Cable charter should just read Charter.
- Old poles on Mirick Road were removed.
- The annual CPR training was complete.
- A tree came down on a private pole on Ball Hill Rd.
- A joint safety meeting was held in Sterling with the Sterling Light Department.
- Baldwin completed the spring maintenance of the wind turbines.

- Approximately 6 months ago transformers were ordered and have finally arrived. Three of the new transformers will be replacing transformers with PCB at the Wachusett House. Once these transformers in Princeton are replaced, the town will be free of PCBs.
- The wind turbine meter was recently programmed and is now running.
- ARS Tree Trimming Company completed their work within two weeks of arrival. Originally, the job was scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021. Unfortunately, due to Covid and company issues, the job was not completed by the contract deadline.
- OSHA requires training on all equipment before using. Since PMLD's new hire started, all Linemen have had a refresher course on equipment being used for various projects.
- The Linemen have been working on a vertical ground project. This project will bring everything up to NEC standards for wire configurations 7970 and 13-8 sections in town. The project involves running grounds, grounding each pole, and running vertical wire up to the neutral and grounding guy wires.
- The regulators by the town line were lowered by two volts to see how if the solar customers inverter will continue working.
- A new pole was set on 45 E. Princeton Rd for a new house being built.
- Mr. McKeon and Mr. Courville are working on the 2022 tree bid. This year the thought was to have the bidding start early so more companies could bid before the fall schedule.
- Mr. McKeon met with Matt Ide (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company), Jason Viadero (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company) and Darren Borge, (Sterling's Light Department General Manager) to discuss the tie between Princeton and Sterling. Mr. Borge will be presenting the tie between towns at his board meeting tomorrow night. MMWEC feels this is a big win for both towns.
- Discussed with Mr. Ide about a possible green rate; more information and discussion is necessary before a decision is rendered.

Update on Princeton Solar Project Site Tour:

The Princeton Select Board has established the Princeton Solar Farm Working Group. The committee consist of representatives from various groups in town. After touring the landfill, wetlands and DCR land, the site looks like it could be feasible for a solar farm, allowing to install a one megawatt on six acres and another 2 or 3 megawatts on the DCR property. A private entity would have to build, own, and operate the solar farm. Commissioner Rys would like to see a clause "we would have the opportunity but not the obligation to purchase the system."

Last sentence should read, "we would have the opportunity but not the obligation to purchase the power."

Solar Net Metering Policy:

As a solar owner, Commissioner Rys excused himself from discussion. Commissioner Gott will send Mr. McKeon a preamble for the net metering policy. Mr. McKeon suggested setting the minimum usage to 200-250kw per month. This would help pay for the infrastructure. Commissioner Gott would like to break down the light bill and articulate the bill break out.

MMWEC Meeting:

Commissioner Rys and Mr. McKeon attended a two-day conference in Devens, MA with approximately twenty other MUNI'S. MMWEC discussed their projects such as 100-megawatt Tesla battery and a 100-megawatt solar field in Ludlow, a group battery storage RFQ (request for quote) from 2 to 4 megawatts, Secretary of Energy-Judy Chen spoke on legislative items and Environmental Justice, John Blair discussed the electrified home and tariffed on bill financing.

Rental Generator Grid/Battery:

Mr. McKeon confirmed PMLD will be participating in the rental generator program. The generator was installed on Wednesday, May 18th at the wind site. Last year the generator made \$147,000 for PMLD.

Micro Grid:

The Board discussed locations within Princeton where a Micro-Grid could be installed. At this time, the Board has decided not to go forward with this project.

MCAN Report Card:

The MCAN report was recently released showing PMLD at the lower one-third of the list. The goal for PMLD is to reach the Massachusetts S-9 by 2030 with 50 % non-emitting power. NextEra provides a large amount of PMLD's power from the following sources- nuclear, non-carbon emitting, solar and wind power.

S-9, Class 1 RECS & Green Energy Rate:

All three, S-9, Wind RECS and a Green Energy Rate are all interrelated in trying to meet the S-9 by 2030. NextEra is providing us with good rates based on our contract with them negotiated by the former General Manager and Commissioners. The Green Energy rate will further be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Website/Facebook:

No discussion on Facebook or the PMLD website.

June BOLC Meeting:

Commissioner Rys will be out of town for the next BOLC Board meeting. The Board decided a tentative date of Wednesday, June 15th at 3pm will be the next BOLC meeting.

New Business/Parking Lot:

- Green Town Labs who are connected to MIT reached out to Commissioner Chase to see if we would be willing to collaborate with their companies. Green Town Labs is a subsidiary of Beacon Climate. They have thirty-five emerging climate tech firms that offer installation, finance, insurance, and other project tools for innovated technologies who would be willing to evaluate their products. All three Commissioners and Mr. McKeon are willing to participate with Green Town Labs.
- Commissioner Rys will be attending a DistribuTECH Conference. Itron will be there to discuss their meters, AMR-Advanced Metering Recording and AMI- Advanced Metering Infrastructure. Commissioner Rys will get some ideas and information on their new products.
- Commissioner Gott volunteered to pass out information on PMLD's NextZero rebate program at the Princeton Town Meeting. All NextEra rebates are printed and a special "QR" code has been created for residents. The EAC (Environmental Action Committee) may also pass out information to residents who attend the meeting.

Public Session:

No comments.

Executive Session:

A roll call vote was taken to enter executive session to discuss participation in MMWEC Project 2021A.

Phil Gott- yea

Richard Chase- yea

Rick Rys- yea

The vote was unanimously in favor (3-0) 4:50pm.

Commissioner Rys made a motion to end the Executive Session by roll call vote, unanimously (3-0) 5:07pm.

Open Session:

Returned to open session by roll call vote (3-0) 5:07pm.

Commissioner Rys made a motion to vote.

Commissioner Gott- yea

Commissioner Chase- yea

Commissioner Rys- yea

The vote was unanimously in favor (3-0).

Commissioner Rys read the document out loud. Commissioner Chase will stop by the office tomorrow to sign all documents.

At 5:10pm the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone

Recording Secretary