

Minutes of February 21, 2007
Meeting of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant
Present Commissioners: George Ainsleigh, Richard Ahlin,
Stan Herriott, Manager
Absent Kevin Lashua

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Chairman Ainsleigh opened the meeting and called for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Ahlin and seconded by Commissioner Ainsleigh to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Ainsleigh called for a vote on the amended minutes of the November 15, 2006 and the minutes of the December 20, 2006 meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. Chairman Ainsleigh called for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ahlin made the motions to approve and Chairman Ainsleigh seconded. The minutes were approved.

The Commissioners reviewed the January meeting agenda, due to the fact that the January meeting was canceled. Commissioners Ahlin had several questions with regard to the 2006 year end budget. The budget finished out some 11% under projections both in receipts and expenditures, which is expected to result in about \$140,000.00 in retained income for the year. Commissioner Ahlin's questions were principally centered on items that were over their projected percentage, some of the line items that were Hurley Wire, postage, license re-imbusement and safety equipment.

Manager Herriott said that we needed a vote to write off the bad debts for 2005 and 2006 for the sum of \$1,289.30. Manager Herriott said that he felt that we had done everything possible to collect these amounts and felt that it was reasonable to do so at this

time. He also said that Anne does keep a record of these customers and if they try to apply for service again we will collect prior to putting service in their name. Chairman Ainsleigh called for a motion. The motion was made by Commissioner Ahlin and seconded by Chairman Ainsleigh. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Manager reviewed the rest of the items listed on the January agenda including the annual report to be placed in the Town report. The report lists kilowatt hour sales for 2006, Meeting schedule and rate information.

The meeting went on to focus on the February 2007 agenda.

Manager Herriott received the budget through January 2007, receipts for the month were 13% over projections while expenses' were approximately 6% under.

Manager Herriott mentioned that he was in receipt of a letter from MMWEC requesting that Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant consider upping it's share in the new power plant from 20% of its uncovered position in the market to between 30% or 40%. Manager Herriott said this was an effort to keep the whole project within the municipal systems. Manager Herriott felt that he was not ready to recommend any additional investment in the project at this time. He felt and most feel, that diversity in power and fuel supply in critical to maintaining a stable cost. So he recommended not increasing Ashburnham's share of the project beyond its current level.

The Manager asked for a vote on the revised sick time policy which will now be labeled an Attendance Award. Also it was pointed out by the Accountants that there had never been a vote on the current Company Benefits, so the Manager asked the Commissioners to consider agreeing on the current package of benefits. The Commissioners reviewed the package. A motion was made by Rick Ahlin and seconded by George Ainsleigh. The vote was unanimous.

Manager's expenses were reviewed and approved for a total cost of \$78.48.

Manager Herriott reported that Dave Goodall was still out on workers compensation and was expected to have surgery on his knee within two weeks. The Manager went on to say that he would not expect him back to work until June.

The Manager included in the package the new town pay plan and the February Town Administrator's report.

Commissioner Ahlin asked about changing the meeting time to an earlier time in the evening. A decision was held on what might be an appropriate time of day. It was decided that the meeting will be changed to 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Also at the request of the Manager if the meeting could be moved to March 28th to accommodate his scheduled trip to Ohio to see his father. The Commissioners felt that it was a reasonable solution.

The next Board meeting will be held March 28, at 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ahlin and seconded by Chairman Ainsleigh to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Ahlin

Secretary

