

Minutes of May 20, 2009

Meeting of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant

Present Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, George Ainsleigh

Absent Kevin Lashua

Stan Herriott Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Ainsleigh asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting and the April 29, 2009 Special Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Ahlin and seconded by Commissioner Ainsleigh, the vote was unanimous.

Manager Herriott reviewed the budget through March 2009, he pointed out that we were doing well and that we more than likely would not have a large increase in rates as discussed earlier this year. The cost of power has been staying down and MMWEC has made some power purchases for us that will be helpful in keeping the cost down. Manager Herriott said that he was still going to adjust the rates to remove the base charge kWh's for the two rate class that have them, which are residential and commercial. The idea of the change will be to have no net increase for those two rate classes because of the change. Then any rate change that is necessary will be applied evenly over all the rate classes.

Manager Herriott gave the report of the common facilities study that was done to value the assets at Stoney Brook with the idea of what the new plant would need to use the existing assets to function. Commissioner Ahlin had several concerns with the outcome of the study. Manager Herriott said that he would try to have someone come to a meeting and give a better explanation of the study.

Manager Herriott let the Commissioners know of the planned bill inserts for the next couple of months.

Manager Herriott let the Commissioners know his plans to attend the APPA Annual Conference; he will be away the week of June 15-19th.

Manager Herriott submitted his expenses for the month of May. Under old business, we still had the Town's request for additional funds, Commissioner Ahlin and Commissioner Ainsleigh agreed that any question directed at Increasing the Light Departments payments was to be discussed between the Town and The Commissioners. The Manager's role will be limited to advisory capacity.

Manager Herriott gave the Commissioners copies of several new town policies to See if the Commissioners would like to adopt them for the Light Department. There was Some discussion on the merits of the policies and it was decided that they were not interested in adopting any of the policies for the Light Department.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ahlin and seconded by Commissioner Ainsleigh. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Ahlin,
Secretary