

Minutes of January 20, 2010
Meeting of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant
Present Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Kevin Lashua
Stan Herriott Manager
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Manager Herriott introduced the MMWEC Power Supply Team consisting of Mike Lynch, Jay Kline and Sean Fitzgerald. Sean opened the meeting with the support of Jay and Mike. The discussion was centered on what services MMWEC was supplying for its members. Things such as power supply, interaction with the regulatory agency's green energy services, power supply forecasts and power portfolio management to name a few. There was an open discussion between the Commissioners and the MMWEC team. The Commissioners seemed quite satisfied with the presentation and the services MMWEC is providing for the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant. The Commissioners thanked Sean, Jay and Mike for attending and the MMWEC group left the meeting.

Manager Herriott stated there were no minutes for December 2009 because the meeting was canceled for lack of a quorum. It was also noted that with the passing of Commissioner Ainsleigh it is necessary to have both Commissioners at every meeting. A short discussion took place on who might be available to fill the Commissioners open seat. The next election is scheduled for April. The Commissioners said they would make some inquiries.

Manager Herriott reviewed the budget through December 2009. The year end receipts finishing down about 2% below projected sales at \$4,873,879 with expenses down some 7% from projections at \$4, 593,314. Manager Herriott stated that sales were down slightly, with our results being similar to what other systems were experiencing.

Expenses were also down principally due to reduced energy cost. The reduced energy cost was representative of very favorable natural gas costs throughout the entire year.

Manager Herriott presented 2010 operating budget. He went through the budget and added monies to the accounts that were running over projection for the 2009 budget. The new total is now projected to be \$4,736,114.00 with expenses projected at \$4,565,779.00. The Manager stated that we did need to have a vote to approve the 2010 budget. The motion was made by Commissioner Ahlin and seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the vote was unanimous.

Manager Herriott showed the current billing request from the town which included the indirect costs for the Light Department associated with the services the Town provided for us. There were a couple of new costs that were added this year, which were a percentage of the Town Manager's salary and his assistant's salary. The Commissioners and the Manager felt these additional charges were not justified and the Commissioners voted not to pay these additional charges. The motion was made by Commissioner Lashua and seconded by Commissioner Ahlin, the vote was unanimous.

The Managers expenses for \$174.96 were approved by the Commissioners. Manager Herriott gave the Commissioners copies for the proposed feasibility study, the Manager asked the Commissioners to look at it. There will be necessary decisions with regard to the overall scope of the study prior to us beginning it. The Berkshire Project has been closed down and we are not expected to do any more until next spring. Manager Herriott included information on the Stoney Brook 3 project for their review. Manager Herriott gave to the Commissioners the chart comparing the electric usage for the last couple of years.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lashua and seconded by Commissioner Ahlin. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Ahlin,
Secretary