

Open Session Minutes of May 15 , 2013

Meeting of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant Board

Present Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Mark Carlisle & Kevin Lashua
Stan Herriott Manager

Chairman Ahlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Ahlin recognized Kevin Kelly Manager of the Groton Municipal Light Department. Mr. Kelly was in attendance to introduce his GIS load Management to AMLP and explain how it works and how it could be implemented as well as the cost surrounding it. The Commissioners listened to the presentation then discussed the pros and cons of attempting a project like this in Ashburnham. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Kelly for attending and speaking about the project and would take in under consideration. Mr. Kelly thanked the Commissioners and exited the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

There were no customer or citizens comments.

Chairman Ahlin called to approve the Regular Session Minutes from April 17, 2013. A motion was made by Commissioner Carlisle and seconded by Chairman Ahlin. The vote was unanimous.

Manager Herriott stated the Executive Session Minutes could be approved in Open Session as long as there was no discussion.

Chairman Ahlin agreed and called for a vote to approve the April 17, 2013 Executive Session Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Carlisle and seconded by Chairman Ahlin the vote was unanimous. Executive Session never opened.

Receipts and Expenses

Receipts through April \$1,838,919.00

Expenses through April \$1,734,771.00

Manager Herriott said that the budget was running as expected.

The Manager's expenses were \$121.75 they were reviewed and accepted. The expenses were for hotel room cost at the annual MEAM meeting.

Manager Herriott reviewed the NYPA allowance with the Commissioners stating that while this is still a good contract for us the cost of transmission would now be doubled.

Manager Herriott stated we are working with MMWEC on the energy loan program. The overall idea would be to allow a customer to get a loan from a local institution and AMLP would after an approval pre-pay the interest on the loan for the customer. AMLP would expect to receive a discounted rate due to the pre-payment. We are still working out the paperwork and the approval process with MMWEC. Manager Herriott stated that the monies that we are pursuing with the REGGI funds would likely pay for this. This year we seem to have a good chance to get this bill passed because we have a lot of support from our Representatives and Senators, we have a good chance of receiving the funds.

Manager Herriott reported that our long term disability insurance is stable and we will not see an increase this year.

Manager Herriott gave a short report on the power cost projections. Manager Herriott explained that due to the shortages in the gas pipeline capacity it is projected the winter power supply cost will increase and remain high for some time to come. We are hopeful that the regulatory bodies will take steps and try to require the pipeline companies to make changes that would allow for increased gas flow into the New England System. This would allow electric generation to run through the winter months in most cases.

Manager Herriott stated we have a request to have the ornamental poles in the center of town to be decorated with gold lights and gold ribbons in support of Childhood Awareness Month in September. The Commissioners agreed with this request.

Manager Herriott gave the Commissioners a revised version of the vacation policy. The issue was noted by the accountants in the year-end review. The review indicated we were not following the current policy as written. The current policy states that we are to award the extra day of vacation for the years of service at the end of the year, we are currently are awarding the day at the beginning of the year.

Manager Herriott reported that FLO-Design has their biologists inspecting the areas. They are still moving forward. We have also agreed on a lease with Mr. Vanhoof, however it has not been signed yet.

Commissioner Ahlin asked how the pole replacement project was going and how many poles were set. Manager Herriott stated that he did not have an exact number. He went on to say that the progress was slow on Russell Hill due to difficult digging but they were making much better progress on Lake Road. Manager Herriott believes we should be finished in a couple of weeks. Manager Herriot also mentioned that he had read the contract wrong and we are responsible for the police details. Manager Herriott originally reported the contractor was responsible it was brought to his attention that he had misread the contract.

Manager Herriott also reported that we are assisting with a Monty Tech project. We will install 4 fifty foot poles for a safety net along the softball field. The net will keep foul balls from going into traffic on rte. 2A. Monty Tech is paying for the cost of the poles.

Manager Herriott reported that he had spoken with our attorney, Mr. Scobbo and discussed a deadline on for the 20th of May to sign the PPA. Nick felt there was no reason why they should not be able to get it done by then. The Commissioners agreed and after some discussion, the decision was made to inform TenK that if the PPA is not in agreement and signed by May 30, 2013 that we will re-open negotiations on the proposed power supply cost currently recommended in the PPA draft.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlisle to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Ahlin. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Carlisle

Secretary