

Open Session Minutes of February 13 , 2013

Meeting of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant Board

Present Commissioners: Richard Ahlin & Mark Carlisle. Kevin Lashua (Absent)
Stan Herriott Manager

Chairman Ahlin called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Chairman Ahlin asked for a motion to approve the Open Session Minutes of December 19 , 2012. A motion was made by Commissioner Carlisle and seconded by Commissioner Ahlin. The vote was unanimous.

There were no citizen or customer comments.

First on the agenda was Mr. Dunham who was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Dunham contacted Manager Herriott by phone and email stating he would not be in attendance. Mr. Dunham asked that the following email message be shared with the Commissioners.

“Stan, Thanks for the agenda. We cannot make it due to other commitments. Here is my statement for the meeting.

Rather than waste any of our time at a meeting debating the evolution of the solar market, debating facts on what is or is not under agreement, and debating why a 9 month PILOT agreement process impacts a solar project in this market, let's just focus on What we have to offer at this time:

We have received underwriting approval on Nick Skobo's PPA, which does not include tax payment reimbursements by the MLD's. The agreement is 5.1 cents per kwh, with no tax payments by the MLD, and with the MMWEC annual escalator of 1.63%. The funding is backed by a tax equity group that is exclusive to a \$78 Billion company that - not a Chinese manufacturer, provides a warranty with some teeth in it, and that company is backed by an investment grade US insurance provider. With these parameters in place, we have 3 medium sized MA banks that are financing 1 Mw transactions, and one 3 Mw transaction.

As noted previously, we have one site with a non-disputed P&S agreement that we can support 1 Mw, and if you want a deal on the landfill, we can support that as well. Kevin Soucy has already completed the prelim design evaluation work on both of those sites. We have an approved PILOT for one of those sites, and can complete one for the landfill if so desired.

If the AMLP wants to pursue one or both sites with us, or if there are comments, let me know. We can complete a PPA for the site with the PILOT issued to Investar very quickly."

Best Regards, Dave

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The Commissioners reviewed the email and felt that they did want to pursue the entire 3 MW project, which has always been the intent of AMLP. They directed Manager Herriott to inform Mr. Dunham. Manager Herriott replied to Mr. Dunham by email 2-14-2013 stating the following:

Dave

"AMLP is still pursuing a 3 MW project and feels that there is a good possibility that it will come to pass. So we are not considering anything smaller."

Thank you for you update.

Stan

Manager Herriott reviewed the budget through the end of December 2012.

Receipts for November	\$374,535.00
Expenses for November	\$298,338.00
Receipts Year End	\$4,859,049.00
Expenses Year End	\$4,367,028.00

Manager Herriott went on to say that he forwarded the January 2013 budget results to the Commissioners prior to the meeting and asked if there were any questions. The Commissioners did not have any questions. However, they still prefer the idea of receiving the budget results prior to the meeting. This gives them the opportunity to review them and prepare questions.

Managers Expenses: \$163.59

A discussion began about the current trimming schedule and whether or not we were getting adequate trimming done to keep ahead of the growth. Manager Herriott felt that we were keeping ahead of the growth and we are still on a 5 year trimming plan. Manager Herriott also stated that the mowing tractor that the AMLP purchased for the town has made a big difference in our ability to keep up with the trimming. Manager Herriott did state that we have a small issue with mowing on private roads and the DPW Superintendent feels that we should not be maintaining some of the private roads. Manager Herriott has asked the Superintendent to at least mow the sides of the private roads that the pole line is on. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Manager Herriott gave the Commissioners the list of accounts that we consider uncollectable. These accounts go back to 2007. Manager Herriott stated that Anne had done everything possible to collect this debt and we feel there was nothing more we could do. The Commissioners agreed and signed the document for the write offs. At total of \$1,043.61

The Commissioners discussed the next meeting date it was agreed on to be March 20, 2013. They also discussed that if necessary they could meet earlier if the need arose to review documents related to the solar project.

The next meeting date is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on March 20, 2013.

Manager Herriott stated that he was still reviewing the billing from Verizon and has questioned some of the billing, some seem to be duplicates. Manager Herriott told the Commissioners that once he receives the answers from Verizon he would put together a spread sheet for the Commissioner's review and approval. Manager Herriott hopes to have it ready by the meeting set for March 20th.

Manager Herriott reported that FLO-DESIGN and AMLP have agreed to the lease agreement to be given to Mr. Vanhoof for the project on his property. This is a good step. Once it is signed by Mr. Vanhoof we only need to work out the details for the interconnection.

However, there is an issue somewhere in the process. Mr. Vanhoof has received a payment from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources for keeping his property a farm. This does not expire until 2015. Bob Patten FLO-DESIGN's expediter is looking into how we can deal with this. Mr. Patten is positive that it will just require a signoff from the Department of Agriculture, so we can move on. Manager Herriott reported according to FLO-DESIGN the project is still on schedule for 2014. A question about the project was asked. If they are building these units somewhere we may be able to take a field trip to see the assembly plant. Manager Herriott said he would look into this.

Manager Herriott reported on the solar project. He received notice from TenK late this afternoon that there would be a phone call on Friday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. Manager Herriott hopes that there will be resolution with the remaining issues. He would keep the Commissioners informed.

There was a discussion about the meter reporting issue. Manager Herriott stated that we are making slow progress, but they are improving slightly. Hunt Technologies sent out a group of people last week to look into our problems and made some recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlisle to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Ahlin. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Carlisle
Secretary