

ASHBURNHAM MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD
Conference Room, 24 Williams Road
Ashburnham MA 01430

Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2015

Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Chairman
Kevin Lashua
Mark Carlisle

AMLP Manager: Michael Rivers

Others in Attendance: Bruce Brackett, Jeremy Holmes, Matthew Wilson, Jeffrey Schrecke, Jordan Gendon, Anne Olivari, Jane Dancause, and Amy Fischer, Candace Wright, Joe Olivari and Richard Cannavino (Wiring Inspector).

Opening

The regular meeting of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Board was called to order at 6:58 pm on February 25, 2015 in the AMLP conference room by Richard Ahlin.

Manager's report

Manager Rivers stated that he had received a call from the Attorney General's Office of Open Government regarding a second OML complaint filed by Michael Parenteau. Rivers drafted a response and with approval of the Board he would be sending to the Attorney General's office and a copy to Mike Parenteau. The Board gave approval and signed response.

Manager Rivers stated the sales tax audit has again been delayed a week at the request of the Dept of Revenue.

Ashburnham's 250th Celebration- AMLP will again provide the tent, tables and chairs as has been past practice.

Manager River's schooling- Manager Rivers has signed up for three procurement classes which are required for certification from the Inspector General as a Certified Public Procurement Officer

Ron Decurzio, CEO of MMWEC has re scheduled to be out to this week.

Health Insurance proposed changes are being reviewed. Lineman Matt Wilson is AMLP'S representative. Group has met once and planned meetings to follow.

PURMA is offering cyber security insurance for approximately \$3,000.00. Rivers not sure if it is worth the cost, but will research further.

Audit is mostly complete, auditors likely to be scheduled for March meeting.

Old Business

Street Light dispute on Watatic Pond between Coughlin and his neighbor over the light was brought up by Lashua. Lashua stated that Coughlin had admitted to him that he had shot out and painted over the light, and would do it again. Coughlin did not realize Lashua was a Commissioner. Board position is it is a civil matter and AMLP is not going to get involved at this time.

Minutes Approval

Minutes of February 3, 2015 were corrected, February 18, 2015 to March 18, 2015 for the next meeting and a typo on the amount listed as \$370.00 was corrected to \$37,000.00. There was a discussion on trying to keep the Board Meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. Carlisle made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2015 with corrections. The motion was seconded by Lashua. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Manager's Update

The department's success in renewal energy qualifies AMLP to apply for SEPA solar award. Report on percentage of clean energy standard is 8% mandated and AMLP is at 27.42%. New standards will be 45% over the next decade and AMLP is at 55.29 %. Joe Olivari asked about clean energy award when we have too much solar. Answer was it is about timing and all renewables not just solar. Another question was asked as to if there has been any movement on storage for solar. Response was that it is being looked at, but industry is still in its infancy Commissioner Carlisle spoke about articles reporting on storage being looked into by large private companies.

Future Agenda

March 18, 2015 for the next Board meeting most likely to be with the Auditors. Manager Rivers proposed every other week meetings for the next several months due to audit, job descriptions and stand by policy.

Discussion resulted in the next meeting being tentatively scheduled for March 18, 2015

Resident Richard Cannavino asked as where is AMLP purchasing electricity due to the lack of solar being received from the solar project on Murray Road. MMWEC has juggled the power purchases into their equation to meet AMLP's needs.

Motion was made by Ahlin. Seconded by Lashua to go into Executive session to discuss employee policies. Roll Call Vote, Ahlin aye, Carlisle aye, Lashua aye.

Meeting adjourned in open session at 7:30 pm.