

01/26/12 Light Board Meeting

Present: Commissioners Patrick Cannon, David Irwin, Joseph DiVito, Jr. Dan Ciccariello and Stephanie Landry. Also present: Operations Manager, Richard Miller, Town Manager, Phil Lemnios and Delahunt Group principals William Delahunt and Mark Forest. In the audience Paul Mahoney, John Johnson and Thomas Burns.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Input

There was no Public Input

Delahunt Group in for an update on Contract with HMLP. Mr. Delahunt wanted to note for the record that this is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Light Board and not a special meeting set for the Delahunt Group. So noted.

Mr. Delahunt spoke briefly about the appearance of conflict of interest and all the bad publicity it is causing. Therefore he would like to amend his contract and perform his duties pro bono for the entire project.

Mark Forest talked briefly about offshore wind and how the wind industry is moving towards larger turbines. Pat Cannon asked Mark Forest about using larger turbines and how this would affect the permitting process. Would we have to start from square one? Mark was not sure. This will be addressed at a later date. Mark said there is a slow down in the wind industry because of the price of natural gas being so affordable. Mark said this is not a bad thing and it will give the wind industry time to regroup and develop more cutting edge equipment. Mark touched on the Jones Act and said this problem has not been addressed.

Manager's Report

Budget 2012 – Dick said 2011 is not completely closed out yet. Several questions were asked about 2012 and 2011 Budgets and seemed to be answered by management so as to satisfy all members.

Municipal Bill – 3896/H and 867/H should not be supported by existing Municipal Light Departments verbiage has been changed and will hurt us. Both bills have to do with cities and towns that want to form their own municipal light plants.

“No Parking” signs to be installed in front of Hull Light Building. Many complaints about access to door and drop box.

Past employee recognition was discussed. Pat said that maybe we could purchase a bench for Snooky and put a plaque on it in her honor. He researched cost and said we could buy one at cost for \$800 - \$900. Phil said he would not support idea. Phil said that the Hull Municipal Light Board should come up with a policy for all past employees and not just one. Phil mentioned several excellent past employees that have no recognition that he knows of. David and Stephanie assigned task.

Dick researched net metering policies from other municipalities. Dick handed out four net metering policies from other municipalities. Asked Board to review them all but highly recommended language from South Hadley.

Old Business

Hull Wind II – Plant Manager Philip Lemnios finally presented the Hull Municipal Light Board with a Memorandum of Understanding for both Wind I and Wind II. These documents will be discussed at next meeting.

Turn off policy needs to be discussed

Bad debt discussion update

Rates

Rate Study

New Business

There was no New Business

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from 12/01/11. One change by Pat Cannon was made

Dan Ciccariello made a motion to approve the Minutes of the 12/01/11 Meeting. Joe DiVito seconded the motion. Passed 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2012.

Items for Discussion

There were no Items for Discussion

Adjournment

Dan Ciccariello made a motion to adjourn. Joe DiVito seconded the motion. Passed 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM