

10/23/14 Light Board Meeting

Present: Commissioners Patrick Cannon, Stephanie Landry, David Irwin, Daniel Ciccariello and Thomas Burns. Also present: Town Manager, Philip Lemnios, Operations Manager, Richard Miller and Assistant Operations Manager, Panos Tokadjian.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. No audio or video recordings being made.

Public Input

There was no Public Input.

Operations Manager's Report

The recent storm on 10/22/14 to 10/23/14 resulted in minimal outages. Power was out 2-3 hours at most. Equipment failure was in the alphabet section of Town.

Mr. Miller circulated a spreadsheet on discount statistics. Rate payers who took the 10% discount ranged from 81% down to 67%. Highest percentage of 81% who took discount was in month of August and lowest was in month of December (67%). The average discount that rate payers take in a twelve month period is 75%. A very active and argumentative discussion ensued again about the pros and cons of the 10% discount. The Board is still out on this issue.

Manager's Report

Phil handed out a copy of Ballot Question #5 for the upcoming state election. This is a non-binding question requiring municipal light plants to adopt the same net metering rates and policies that are applicable to investor-owned electric utilities and to adopt rates and policies that do not discriminate against, or impose other financial or technical impediments upon customers who seek to generate their own electricity from solar power. This was put on ballot by a Hingham resident who gathered enough signatures. Please vote no. This needs to be researched more to see what impact it would have on all ratepayers.

Approval of Minutes

There was no Approval of Minutes

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Items for Discussion

There were no Items for Discussion.

Adjournment

David Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Landry seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

Next meeting 11/20/14