

11/20/14 Light Board Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. No audio or video recordings being made.

Public Input

There was no Public Input.

Assistant Operations Manager's Report

Nantasket Avenue surfside project moving along on schedule.

Hull Light will remove two utility poles on Nantasket Avenue near corner of Bay Street and Water Street. Service will run underground at that point. No firm cost for this project, but will be in HMLP 2015 Budget. Lost recloser on A Street due to Monday's storm. New recloser in place on Wednesday, insulators will be replaced sometime after Thanksgiving. Area of concern is from the landfill to the Hotel.

Tom Burns asked about pole testing for structural integrity. Panos reported that the company that did the testing identified about 50 poles for replacement. This project has already started and about 12 poles have been replaced already.

Manager's Report

Mayhew is working on third part of his contract. This entails review of HMLP Power Portfolio. Since MMWEC does this for us, Phil asked him to develop a solar policy in place of power portfolio review. Mayhew has done this for other municipalities.

New Business

Short discussion on holiday lighting. Locations to be determined by management.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Approval of Minutes

Daniel Ciccariello made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 09/25/14 and 10/23/14 meetings as written. Thomas Burns seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Items for Discussion

2015 Meeting Schedule 6:30 Selectman's Room

January 22, 2015

February 26, 2015

March 26, 2015

April 23, 2015

May 28, 2015

June 25, 2014

Adjournment

Daniel Ciccariello made a motion to adjourn. Thomas Burns seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next meeting 01/22/15

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

Mr. Miller said that our Scada System needs to be updated. He is contacting companies for update costs. Mr. Miller has finally got National Grid to agree to replace 60 utility poles in Hingham to better serve the Town of Hull. Cost of said project is about 1.2 million dollars and is paid by National Grid. Board thanks Mr. Miller for his labors.

Sensors that go to reclosers malfunctioned and caused several glitches in power system on 01/15/2015.

Mayhew Seavey – PLM Handout

Much debate about the proposed unbundled rates. PPA changed out to Purchased Power Charge. Three sinking funds and decommissioned or recommissioning of turbines. Long debate ensued. (See handout).

Daniel Ciccariello made a motion to charge Mayhew Seavey to draft proposed unbundled rates with the following categories: Customer Charge, Distribution Charge, Purchase Power Charge, NYPA Credit and PPA as long as this is compatible with our software. Stephanie Landry seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

There was no Manager's Report.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Old Business

Solar Policy Net Metering.

Approval of Minutes

There was no approval of Minutes.

Items for Discussion

There were no Items for Discussion

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next meeting Public Hearing 02/19/15 6:30 p.m.

02/19/15 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, Mayhew Seavey, PLM and Allan Stein, Hull Times.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. No audio or video recordings being made. This meeting is a public hearing on proposed rate increase by Hull Municipal Light Board.

Public Input

There was no Public Input.

Operations Manager's Report

The linemen have been straight out with so many storms in a row. Good news is that everything is back to normal.

Major leak in Janis Ford's office. Contractor hired to find leak. Leak found and repaired ceiling to be repaired as soon as possible.

Mayhew Seavey – PLM Powerline Models

Handout for Rate Study Final Recommendations.

Increase overall rate levels across the board by 5%.

Unbundle rates into distribution and purchased power components. To make rates:

Auditable

Consistent with most other utilities

Transparent to the customer.

This 5% increase should increase out revenues by approximately \$400,000 per year. This will cover monies to be applied to future capital projects, MMWEC funds and decommissioning or recommissioning of wind turbines.

Long debate ensued. Vote to be taken on rate increase at next meeting, March 5, 2015.

Meeting moved to second floor at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Daniel Ciccariello made a motion to close to close public hearing. Stephanie Landry seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. Hearing closed 7:25 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting 03/05/15 at 6:30 p.m.

03/05/15 Light Board Meeting

Present: Commissioners Patrick Cannon, Stephanie Landry, David Irwin, Daniel Ciccariello and Thomas Burns.
Also present: Assistant Operations Manager, Panos Tokadjian, and Allan Stein, Hull Times.

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

There was no Operations Manager's Report

Manager's Report

There was no Manager's Report

Rate Study

Consultant had a family emergency and cancelled at last minute. He forwarded rate change sheets which were handed out to members of the Board. Several members of the Board had questions on new rate structure.

Daniel Ciccariello made a motion to have another meeting on March 19, 2015. Stephanie Landry seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mayhew – Solar Policy

Dedication of Snooky's Bench

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting 03/19/15 at 6:30 p.m.

03/19/15 Light Board Meeting

Present: Commissioners Patrick Cannon, Stephanie Landry, David Irwin, Daniel Ciccariello and Thomas Burns.
Also present: Assistant Operations Manager, Panos Tokadjian and Mayhew Seavey, PLM.

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.

Assistant Operations Manager's Report

Atlantic Avenue and Channel Street problems have been identified and are being addressed. Transformers and reclosers are being relocated and replaced with new. This should eliminate frequent outages. Outage near High School on 03/17/15, power back on in one hour twenty minutes.

Manager's Report

There was no Manager's Report

Rate Study

Mayhew answering all questions from Board Members on New Rates and Rate Structure.

Regular Residential Service

Customer charges remain at \$6.44 per month

Distribution Energy Charge: \$0.050 per kwh

10% discount remains if payment is made within fifteen days from the date of the bill, provided there is no bill in arrears.

Temporary Service Rate

Customer Charge remains at \$19.40 per month

Distribution Energy Charge: \$0.0645 per kwh

Purchased Power Charge: As per MDPU #40

Energy Conservation Service removed from all rates as we are not a member of this service.

Late payment penalty will be 1.5% per month and will be assessed at the beginning of each month on the gross balance outstanding at the end of the previous month. This will apply to all rates.

Small Power Rate

Customer Charge: \$8.59 per month

Distribution Energy Charge: \$0.0467 per kwh

Purchased Power Charge: As per MDPU #40

10% discount applies if bill is paid on time.

Late payment same (1.5%) as other rates.

Large Power Rate

Customer Charge: \$75.17 per month

Distribution Demand Charge: \$13.55 per kwh

Purchased Power Charge: As per MDPU #40

Municipal Power Rate

Customer Charge: \$5.85 per month

Distribution Energy Charge: \$0.0461 per kwh

Purchased Power Charge: As per MDPU #40

Daniel Ciccareillo made a motion that the Light Board approve the new Rate Schedule prepared by PLM with the understanding that the definition of "Customer Charge" noted in the rates means a charge to every customer to have electricity delivered to your home or business and not a charge for minimum kwh use. David Irwin seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Daniel Ciccareillo made a motion that the new rates will take effect on April 1, 2015 at 12:01AM. Thomas Burns seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Daniel Ciccareillo made a motion that the Light Board advise the Light Plant Manager to use the increase of funds collected from the New Rate increase to fund the following funds; Emergency Reserve Fund, decommissioning or recommissioning of both turbines and the Pension Fund. The Light Board also advises the Light Plant Manager that the rate increases were passed to fund these specific funds only. David Irwin seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Net Metering Policy should be a rate schedule. Still being worked on. Solar Policy on hold until Mayhew answers questions.

New Business

Lighting at Pemberton Pier (next meeting)

Wind I leaflets to rangers on Peddocks Island for hand out. Many visitors want information on our turbine.

1,000 pieces to start. To be discussed next meeting.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting 04/23/15 at 6:30 p.m.

04/23/15 Light Board Meeting

Present: Commissioners Patrick Cannon, David Irwin, Daniel Ciccariello and Thomas Burns. Also present: Assistant Operations Manager, Panos Tokadjian.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. No audio or video recordings being made.

Public Input

There was no Public Input.

Assistant Operations Manager's Report

Manager's Report

National Grid has started setting poles in Hingham to better serve our system and hopefully cut down on outages. Our crews are back into regular maintenance mode, replacing poles, etc. Panos evaluating 4 or 5 Scada Systems to see which one will be best for HMLP.

Old Business

Snooky's bench dedication to be announced.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Adjournment

David Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Thomas Burns seconded the motion. Voted 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting 05/19/15 at 6:30 p.m.

05/19/15 Light Board Meeting

Present: Commissioners Patrick Cannon, David Irwin, Stephanie Landry, Daniel Ciccariello and Max Horn. Also present: Manager, Phil Lemnios, Operations Manager, Richard Miller and Assistant Operations Manager, Panos Tokadjian.

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. No audio or video recordings being made.

Reorganization Meeting

Chairman

Daniel Ciccariello made a motion to nominate Pat Cannon as Chairman. Stephanie Landry seconded the motion. No other nominations. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman

Stephanie Landry made a motion to nominate Daniel Ciccariello as Vice Chairman. Max Horn seconded the motion. No other nominations. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk

Daniel Ciccariello made a motion to nominate Max Horn as Clerk. Stephanie Landry seconded the motion. No other nominations. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Daniel Ciccariello made a motion to adjourn. Max Horn seconded the motion. Voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting 06/25/15 at 6:30 p.m.