

Princeton Broadband MLP - Regular Meeting Minutes

Town of Princeton, MA, Town Hall Annex

November 16, 2017 - 7:30 PM

Present: Chairman: John Kowaleski (JK), Richard Chase (RC),
Matt Russell (MR), Harold Strock (HS), PBMLP Asst. Mgr. Marty Dell'Erba (MD'E)

- I. Chairman Kowaleski called the meeting to order at 7:31pm
- II. Minutes of the November 2, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

III. Discussion items

Warrant to Dissolve PBMLP - - (JK) contacted the DPU. "Rep cited MGL 164 section 67 saying that the PBMLP has the power to revoke any function within its authority and as such can petition to dissolve itself. It shall require two votes of at least 2 months separated and not more than 13 months separated with a vote of 2/3rds at town meetings warranting dissolution." (JK) has contacted the AG's office but has yet to hear if a simpler procedure may be applied to our case. Ours may be the first case of Municipal Plant dissolution.

Transfer of pole attachment rights -- Agreement FINAL on Nov 14. All parties have signed and have "hard copies" in hand. PBMLP has no further responsibility or liability for the transferred licenses.

Make ready work completion:

It was identified that 3 out of 2600+ poles for which Verizon had been notified and paid for, were incomplete. Verizon was notified and came and completed this work, closing out the list of poles requiring work.

In addition it was identified that cable transfers on 18 "new" poles which were not part of Verizon's work orders require transfers. On Nov 17, (RC) met with Brian Allen, PMLD, to discuss options. PMLD will work these with Verizon under the existing "Exchange of Notice" process.

It has been decided by motion and unanimous vote that PMLD should be approached for 1) an invoice for pole removal work to-date 2) and by amendment, for inclusion of charges for work required on the remaining 18 poles. (NOTE Ante dated information: This helps PBMLP finalize its financial obligations by Dec 31 and to assure there will be NO delay to CH fiber hanging.

(JR) Disposal of communications HUTS - - A three person team from Westfield Gas and Electric viewed the huts with (MD'E) and (JK) but were unsuccessful in their attempts to gain access to their interiors. Contact details for our original Hut information source have been provided. Promotional emails were sent on Nov 13 to 49 Municipal Light Plants plus MA Town Administrators. Posting on commbuys.com (MA eProcurement site) will follow in 30 days if needed. It was suggested by Phil Gransewicz (audience) that Hut title be transferred to the Town if that would help PBMLP finalize operations by Dec 31. That proposal is being investigated.

(MD'E) Payments authorizations:

Approved unanimously: Last and final invoice from attorney's Ferriter, \$1,000 dated 11/06/17.

Other Business

PBMLP will request advice from the BoS on what to do with excess funds.

(HS) and (RC) will prepare the PBMLP Annual Report for 2017

IV Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted, Harold B. Strock, clerk 11/22/17