

Princeton Broadband MLP - Regular Meeting Minutes

Town of Princeton, MA, Town Hall Annex

November 2, 2017 - 7:30 PM

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

- I. Chairman Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:31pm
- II. Minutes of the October, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as amended to correct the signature authority noted in Section III line1 from JR to TA (Town Administrator, Nina).
- III. Discussion items

Motion made and seconded to select a new Committee chairman as JR is stepping aside. JK was unanimously approved as the new chairperson. He assumed said position for the remainder of the meeting.

(JR) presented a Proposed Town Meeting Warrant Article for the Town to authorize necessary actions for the PBMLP to cease all activity and dissolve itself in accordance with the rules. The rules require dissolution by the same procedure as creation. The requirement for approval at two sequential Town Meetings and particular vote pluralities in relation to PBMLP dissolution versus sale must be clarified with the State.

Goal: It is the committee's goal to conclude all PBMLP financial transactions by the end of 2017. This will minimize closure costs and simplify the final audit process.

(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.

Next Step: Promotional emails will be sent to an estimated 50 Municipal Light Plants plus Town Administrators in MA. Posting on commbuys.com (MA eProcurement site) will follow as needed.

Transfer of Pole Attachment Licenses to Charter (CH) -- Charter has the Amendment and Assignment Agreement and CH attorney is prepared to sign it ASAP. This will finalize the agreement.

CH will hang fiber on new poles regardless of presence of old poles or hanging stubs awaiting VZ post-completion correction. JR and JK identified 4 or 5 such cases in a field survey of "poles slated for replacement" locations.

Facilities Committee request for input -- JR authorized to respond to a query for committee needs.

(MD'E) Payments authorizations:

Approved unanimously: An amount not to exceed \$5k through the end of 2017 for Assistant Manager (MD'E)'s salary.

Other Business

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

IV Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

Respectfully submitted, Harold B. Strock, clerk 11/7//17