

# MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Wednesday October 30, 2019

80 Commercial Street, Commissioner's Conference Room, Marblehead, MA

## Minutes

Present for the meeting were: Commissioners – Chairman Hull, Johnson, Maccario and Tumulty. General Manager Kowalik and Manager of Technical Operations Coleman, Finance Assistant Barrett .

Chairman Hull opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

### **Minutes:**

#### **Vote #2019 - 24**

It was moved by Commissioner Maccario and seconded by Commissioner Tumulty to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting. **Hull, Maccario and Tumulty in favor;**

**Johnson abstained.**

### **Financial Report:**

Business Assistant Barrett distributed to the Commission the August 2019 Operating Statement and the September Accrued Operating Statement.

The Purchased Power Adjustment for October 2019 remains at .27 cents per Kwh for all customers.

### **General Manager's Report:**

#### **Engineering Project Priorities Q4**

GM Kowalik updated the Commissioners on a list of engineering priorities including village transformer and Wilkins controls.. Manager of Technical Operations Coleman proposed a design to rectify the Maple Circuit issue by setting poles down West Shore Drive and the back end of Gatchell's Park.

### **Underground Electrical Service Policy:**

1. Several residential areas serviced by older underground service have are now less reliable, and in need of replacement
2. The cost of new underground service in Marblehead is a multiple of overhead service.  
*Replacing old underground service with new underground service should not be a given.*
3. MMLD will meet with residents in effected areas to discuss overhead and underground options.
4. (Ocean Ave model) Residents can agree to pay for the incremental cost of providing new underground service, over the cost of new overhead service.

5. MMLD will work with local contractors to identify ways to lower costs for underground service e.g. annual contract agreements, xx linear feet/year.

### **MMLD 100% Renewable Energy Opt in Program**

1. Today MMLD sells all Berkshire Wind RECs (Mass Class 1) on the open market. 2012-2018 average price is \$43/MWH
2. MMLD proposes to open these REC purchases to customers.
3. Average residential meter is 700 kWh/m (0.7 MWH)
4. 2020 Berkshire Wind projected REC price \$45/MWH
5. **Average MMLD residential customer willing to pay an additional \$45 x 0.7= \$32/month will be certified by MMLD that their electricity is from a 100% renewable energy power source.**
6. Simplify for our billing system and unknown number of participants
7. Specify an initial enrollment period. Dec 1- Jan 30.
8. Customers commit for 1 year; we will establish enrollment estimates based on avg monthly usage: 600-700; 701-800; 801-900
9. Max participation for Berkshire Wind, based on avg annual RECs generated, is 275 residents...
10. REC pricing will also fluctuate during 2020. Final pricing will be in 2020 tbd...consider a y-e true-up

### **Vote #2019-25**

It was moved by Commissioner Tumulty and seconded by Commissioner Maccario to request General Manager Kowalik to draft a 100% Energy Opt in Program, subject to DPU approval.

### **Unanimous**

### **Vote #2019-26**

It was moved by Commissioner Maccario and seconded by Commissioner Tumulty to adjourn at 5:30 P.M. **Unanimous.**