

MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Tuesday April 27, 2021

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

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Minutes

Present for the meeting were:

MMLD Commissioners – Chairman Hull, Burke, Homan, Johnson and Wolf, General Manager Kowalik, Finance Manager Barrett

Chairman Hull opened the meeting at 4:31 P.M.

Vote #2021-10

Motion made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of March 30, 2021. **Unanimous**

Vote #2021-11

It was moved by Commissioner Homan and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve the General Manager's recommendation for distribution of yearend 2020 available cash as follows:

Pilot Payment to the Town of Marblehead: \$330,000.00

2015A Peaking Plant:

Nick Scobbo, MMWEC Attorney, Ronald DeCurzio, MMWEC Chief Executive Officer, Matt Ide, MMWEC Executive Director, Energy & Financial Markets, Jason Viadero, MMWEC ,, attended the meeting to discuss the importance of the 2015A Project, a natural gas and oil hybrid peaking generator, specifically as it relates to MMLD's current capacity supply obligation (CSO) portfolio in the Northeast Massachusetts and Boston Load Zone (NEMA). The 2015A project would satisfy 7-8% of MMLD's current open capacity position or exposure of 50%.

Eileen Matheau and Jean-Jaques Yarmoff presented Sustainable Marblehead's position to use renewable electric generation as an alternative to the proposed generator with an emphasis on battery storage charged by renewable assets. Sustainable Marblehead also took issue with the lack of transparency on the proposed project. Sustainable requested the following from MMLD: 1) The minutes from the board meetings where Project 2015A was discussed; 2) Details of the NPV of Project 2015A, specifically, what is Marblehead's obligation annually, and how much will be reimbursed by the capacity payments; and 3) The costs of an alternative battery energy storage system for peak demand, based on current costs per kWh, calculated from 2020 data from EIA (US Energy Information Administration) or from 2020 NREL data.

General Manager's Report:

General Manager Kowalik updated the Commissioners that the new ChargePoint EV charging stations at the Mary Alley parking lot and on Roundhouse Road will be energized as soon as the line markings are complete. He also informed the Commissioner's that there will be 16 parking spaces designated for EV charging at the new Brown Elementary School and that the roof is designed to support a photovoltaic array.

General Manager informed that MMLD will be sponsoring Article #45 on the 2021 Town Warrant as follows: To see if the Town will approve the change of use from school purposes to the electric light purposes and then transfer the care and custody and control of town-owned land, parcel 146-33-0, listed in the Assessors Department records as 21 Lincoln Avenue, to the Marblehead Municipal Light Department. The unimproved parcel is bordered by Tioga Way and Hoods Lane.

Commissioner Homan left the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Vote #2021-12

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Burke to adjourn at 6:16 P.M. **Unanimous.**