

MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Tuesday July 6, 2021

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

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Minutes

Present for the meeting were:

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

Chairman Hull opened the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

Vote #2021-17

Motion made by Commissioner Homan and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of April 27, 2021, May 27, 2021 and June 8, 2021. **Hull, Homan, Johnson and Wolf in favor; Frechette abstained.**

Reorganization:

Chair Vote: #2020 - 18

It was moved by Commissioner Homan and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to appoint Michael Hull as Chairman. **Unanimous**

Vice Chair Vote: #2020 – 19

It was moved by Commissioner Frechette to appoint Commissioner Wolf as Vice-Chairman: motion was not seconded

It was moved by Commissioner Hull and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Walter Homan as Vice-Chairman. **Homan, Hull, Johnson in favor; Frechette and Wolf abstained**

Rate Presentation:

Dawn Lund, Vice-President of Utility Financial Solutions, LLC, made a presentation on basic rate concepts specifically the importance of financial projection, cost of service and rate designs. General Manager Kowalik will follow up with Dawn to coordinate a rate study.

Attorney Nick Scobbo

Attorney Scobbo made a brief presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the Commissioners and General Manager. Attorney Scobbo's presentation focused on the origins of M.G.L. c. 164, the powers and duties of the Commission, business judgement rule, restrictions and prohibitions for MMLD Commissioners under M.G.L. c. 164, conflict of interest law under M.G.L. c. 268A, bribes, gifts and gratuities, other compensation, self-dealing and nepotism, restrictions on appointments and elections and general standards of conduct.,

General Manager's Report:

General Manager Kowalik updated the Commissioners on 2015A specifically the removal of a 200,000-gas oil tank, the elimination for an onsite ammonia tank for a cleaning agent for the catalytic converter and the further development of green hydrogen as a viable fuel source in the future.

General Manager Kowalik reviewed the department's top 5 priorities as follows:

1. Village 13 substation upgrade of transformers and switchgear
2. Begin the development of a new site for a safe and secure place to store distribution system assets.
3. Implement fall 2021 tree trimming program
4. Complete a cost-of-service study & rate review
5. Work with MMWEC to continue power portfolio transition to renewable energy sources

Commissioner Wolf suggested additions to the list of MMLD priorities to which General Manager Kowalik responded that he would send his list of priorities to the Commissioners and accept suggested additions.

Vote #2021-20

Motion to go to Executive Session to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information provided in the course of activities conducted by a governmental body as an energy supplier when such governmental body, municipal aggregator or cooperative determines that such disclosure will adversely affect its ability to conduct business in relation to other entities making, selling or distributing electric power and energy. Not to return to Open Session.

Roll call vote;

Frechette-yes

Homan- yes

Hull-yes

Johnson-yes

Wolf-yes

Executive Session commenced at 7:00 PM