

# MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Tuesday August 31, 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

Chairman Hull opened the meeting at 4:30 PM

### Minutes:

Approval of minutes for meeting of 7/27/2021 and 8/3/2021 were deferred to the September meeting.

### 2021 Financials:

General Manager Kowalik and Finance Manager Barret updated the Commissioners on the YTD financials. The YTD revenue through June exceeded the budget by \$585,000 while power costs were under budgeted by \$316,000. The higher revenue and power cost are attributed to June having well above normal temperatures.

### Rate Study:

#### Vote #2021-27

Commissioner Homan moved and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to engage in a contract with UFS, Utility Financial Solutions, LLC, 185 Sun Meadow Court, Holland, MI, to provide a cost of service and rate design study for \$49,900.00 which will include the original scope of \$26,900 plus \$6,000 for new renewable energy rate classes for REC's and solar, \$9,000 for time of use analysis, \$4,000 for power cost adjustment and an additional \$4,000 for any participation in public meeting. Unanimous

### Building Renovations:

#### Vote #2021-28

Commissioner Wolf moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to engage in a contract with GRLA, Gorman, Richardson and Lewis Architects for construction documents and construction administration services for the repair to the existing building envelope of the switchgear room located at 80 Commercial St for a fee limit of \$29,900 including reimbursable expenses. Unanimous Estimated cost of remediation will be

approximately \$153,400 to \$188,000. MMLD is actively pursuing their legal options to recover costs of remediation

**Project 2015A Update:**

DPU issued a favorable ruling. If the DPU decision is not appealed, MMWEC will move forward with bond financing.

**NEPPA Conference:**

General Manager Kowalik and Commissioner Wolf attended the annual NEPPA conference held in Portland Maine on August 22 – 25. They report that the line-up of speakers was excellent including Paul Hibbard, former DPU Commissioner, Gordon Van Weile, ISO New England President & CEO, Joy Ditto, APPA President & CEO, Meguire Whitney, NEPPA Lobbyist, Brad Bradshaw President of the Massachusetts Hydrogen Coalition and Velerity Management Consulting, and Arshad Mansoor, Electric Power Research Institute, President & CEO

**Vote #2021-29:**

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, municipal aggregator or a 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 6:15