

# MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Tuesday September 28, 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

### **Matt Ide, Executive Director, Energy & Financial Markets:**

Matt Ide joined the meeting to discuss the proposed federal legislation, CEEP, Clean Electricity Performance Program. The House Energy and Commerce Committee adopted the proposal on September 15, 2021 but may hit some obstacles in the House and Senate. The proposal increases clean electricity by 4% annually from 2023 to 2030. A penalty is assessed at \$40 per MWh for any short fall on nay clean electricity from the prior year. Once 85% clean electricity is achieved no penalties will be assessed so long as the percentage does not decrease from prior year.

Other bill provisions are the residential energy efficiency & electrification which includes \$9 billion for whole home energy retrofits, \$5.5 billion for electrification for heat pumps and \$3.5 billion for weatherization.

\$3.2 billion for critical facility modernization for educational buildings, public safety, hospitals, municipal and state buildings and waste water treatment plants.

Zero- emission vehicle infrastructure includes \$2 billion for charging equipment rebates, \$1 billion for a vehicle charging equity program, \$500 million for state energy transportation, \$4 billion for DOE Plug-in electric drive vehicle program and \$6 billion for near term transportation electrification program.

Over \$8 billion for transmission grants and loans

\$2.8 billion for environmental reviews and solar.

### **Minutes:**

#### **Vote #2021-29**

Moved by Commissioner Homan and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021. **Unanimous**

**Vote #2021-30**

Moved by Commissioner Homan and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes of August 3, 2021. **Unanimous**

**Vote #2021-31**

Moved by Commissioner Homan and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes of August 31, 2021, subject to adding verbiage after “Estimated cost of remediation will be approximately \$153,400 to \$188,000.” “MMLD is actively pursuing their legal options to recover costs of remediation.” **Unanimous**

**GRL Switchgear Room:**

GRLA, Gorman, Richardson and Lewis Architects, is in the process of soliciting contractors to remedy the rain water leaking issue in the switchgear room located at 80 Commercial St.

**Rate Study**

MMLD has forwarded approximately 80% of the data requested by UFS, Utility Financial Solutions, LLC, to conduct the cost of service and rate design study

**2015A:**

MMWEC is proceeding with the bond financing. There are two lingering issues, one with the City of Peabody to determine the permit fee of \$1.2 million and the other is PMLP’s plan to delist Unit1 generator located at the same location as the proposed 2015A.

**CZM:**

Coastal Zone Management’s State Director, North Shore Regional Director and Project Manager met with local officials at Hamond Park to discuss flood mitigation and to tour some of the more vulnerable areas.

**Fences and gates at 80 Commercial:**

General Manager Kowalik shared with the Commissioners three quotes from Parker Fence to secure the 80 Commercial St property. \$83, 235 for front fence and gates along the upper and lower entrances, \$26,450 for fence on right side of building and \$ 32,650 for an inside parking lot divider

**Tree Trimming Contract:**

The tree trimming contract will be reviewed by the town's Tree Warden to determine if there should be two different contracts, one for dead tree removal and the other for branch and brush.

**Village 13 and Tioga Way:**

Waiting for civil engineering site plans and a proposal from Environmental Partners. Set a date with Mike Barrett of PLM, Robert Jolly, Colin Coleman and the Commissioners to survey the infrastructure to determine the appropriate way to move forward to adequately address the infrastructure with the assumption that the load will be increasing significantly as we enter the age of electrification.

**Strategic Committee:**

Commissioner Wolf requests that the Commission revise the Strategic Committee to devise a strategic plan to address distribution, resiliency, emerging technologies, peaks and fuel portfolio. Consider contracting with a professional consultant to establish goals. Commissioner Frechette expressed his interest to be a member of the Committee. Commissioner Wolf suggests that we at least have a plan looking out about 8 years.

**EV Charging:**

MMLD currently owns and administers 10 ChargePoint stations, two located at 80 Commercial St. Plant, four at the Mary Alley Town Offices and four at Roundhouse Road. General Manager Kowalik shared his ChargePoint dashboard with the Commissioners which displays average session length (2.25 hours), unique drivers (32), sessions (111), energy (1.4MW) and financials (\$2,798 through 8/31/2021).

**Vote #2021-32**

It was moved by Commissioner Homan and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to adjourn at 6:35 P.M. **Unanimous.**