Ashburnham Municipal Light Board

Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners: Mark Carlisle, Chairman
Richard Ahlin, Vice Chairman (entered zoom meeting @ 2:45 pm)
Stephen Hogan, Secretary
AMLP General Manager: Kevin Sullivan
Other Attendees: Brooke Czasnowski, Nicholas Scobbo (Ferriter, Scobbo, & Rodophele PC) – left @ 2:58 pm

Carlisle announced all Board meetings are subject to audio and video recording at 2:03 pm.

The Ashburnham Municipal Light Board shall immediately go into Executive Session to discuss issues affecting the light Plant pursuant to the points listed below and upon completion will return to open session to continue conducting the business of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant.

Carlisle made a motion to enter executive session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A: Section 21(a) and the following clauses:

3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Hogan seconded. Vote was taken at 2:11 pm. All in favor. Hogan aye, Carlisle aye.

Carlisle called the open session meeting to order at 3:39 pm with a roll call vote. Ahlin present, Hogan present, Carlisle present.

Hogan made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Ahlin seconded. All in favor. Hogan aye, Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye.

Hogan made a motion to approve the October 21, 2020 open session meeting minutes. Ahlin seconded. All in favor. Ahlin aye, Hogan aye, Carlisle aye.

General Manager Items:

T&C's Review: Sullivan discussed a remedy to lessen the impact of the deposit required for commercial and industrial customers. He is going to continue to research and will contact impacted customers. The Terms & Conditions have been amended.

Solar Installations(s) Update: The AMLP had one customer go live in 2020. Two additional customers should go live by the end of 2020. The installations should be moving forward by the end of the month.

Tree Trimming Bid Update: Sullivan informed the Board that two bids were received on 11/5. The Davey Tree Expert Company was the low bidder and was awarded the contract.

Day After Thanksgiving: Sullivan stated the per the Collective Bargaining Agreement a vote is required to decide if represented employees would receive the day after Thanksgiving as a paid day off in 2020. Sullivan said he is a proponent of awarding the paid day off. He stated this has been a very safe and successful year. Hogan made a motion to award the represented employees the day after Thanksgiving as a paid day off in 2020. Ahlin seconded. All in favor. Ahlin aye, Hogan aye, Carlisle aye.

The next meeting for the Board was scheduled for December 16, 2020 at 9:00 am (virtual meeting).

Ahlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Ahlin aye, Hogan aye, Carlisle aye.

Stephen Hogan, Secretary