Ashburnham Municipal Light Board

Wednesday, December 17, 2019
24 Williams Road, Conference Room
Ashburnham, MA 01430

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Chairman
Mark Carlisle, Vice Chairman (arrived @ 9:15 am)
Stephen Hogan, Secretary
AMLP General Manager: Kevin Sullivan
Other Attendees: Brooke Czasnowski

Ahlin called the meeting to order at 9:03 am with a roll call vote. Hogan present, Ahlin present.

Ahlin announced all Board meetings are subject to audio and video recording.

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

Hogan made a motion to approve the November 20th open session meeting minutes. Ahlin seconded. All in favor. Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.

General Manager Items:

2020 Operating and Capital Budget: Sullivan presented the 2020 Proposed Operating Budget and the 2020 Proposed Capital Budget that was included in the Board packet. The projected allocation for the Operating Budget is $5,100,232 and the allocation for the Capital Budget is $755,202.08. Sullivan stated that each budget is a work in progress and is used as a guideline.

Carlisle made a motion to accept the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for $5,100,232 as presented and the proposed 2020 Capital Budget for $755,202.08 as presented. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Ahlin aye, Hogan aye.

2019 OPEB Funding: Sullivan recommended making a $62,000 contribution in 2019 to the unfunded actuarial liability for OPEB. He asked the Board to vote to transfer $62,000 from the reserve trust account to fund OPEB for 2019.

Carlisle made a motion to fund OPEB $62,000 in 2019 from the reserve trust account. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Aylin aye, Hogan aye.

Commercial Distributed Generation: Sullivan discussed recent developments with commercial distributed generation. He said that he recently met with a customer and they discussed demand recommendations, AMLP's power supply, and had

discussions with the solar professional that was present at the meeting. Hogan suggested revisiting the Commercial Distributed Generation policy in the future.

Solar – Integrys Billing Discrepancy: Sullivan has been in contact with Integrys to get the required information to set them up as a customer. He stated that Integrys will be billed for usage in 2020.

Solar Program Update: Sullivan provided the Board with an update on the solar program. He said he anticipates that two customers will be participating in the grant program. A third customer is interested in getting an interconnection agreement without moving forward with the grant. Sullivan discussed an issue presented by a customer regarding the shading requirements. He let the Board know he will put the issue on the January agenda.

Solar – Generation and Future PPA's: Sullivan said he spoke with Matt Ide (MMWEC) and he would like to set up a meeting to discuss future opportunities for the AMLP.

The next meeting for the Board was scheduled for January 15, 2020 at 9:00am.

Carlisle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.

Stephen Hogan, Secretary