

Electric Light Department

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MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Jeffrey Labrecque, Vice Chair
Christine M. Archambault, Clerk
Peter Webster, Member

Also Attending:

Attorney John Welch
Wayne D. Doerpholz
Michael Conchieri
Andrew Orr

Mr. Doerpholz announced that he was recoding the meeting on behalf of the Municipal Light Board.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Labrecque at 4:30 p.m. and he then welcomed Commissioner Peter Webster to the Board.

Minutes--September 9, 2014--Discussion

Commissioner Archambault indicated that she could not open the previous copy of the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2014 as emailed and, consequently, could not comment. Mr. Doerpholz then distributed a summary version of the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2014 and both versions of the minutes were tabled by a motion duly made, seconded and approved. A discussion then followed and the Board agreed that a summarized version of the minutes was preferred.

Monthly Management Report

Mr. Doerpholz distributed copies of the November 2014 financial statements and Vice Chair Labrecque called on Mr. Michael Conchieri to comment. On motion made by Mr. Labrecque, seconded by Ms. Archambault and voted unanimously, the financial statements were accepted as presented.

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Rental Water Heaters

Vice Chair Labrecque called on Mr. Andy Orr to discuss the draft letter to water heater customers as previously discussed by the Board. A brief review of the past discussions was held to allow Commissioner Webster to be brought up to date. On motion made by Mr. Labrecque and seconded by Ms. Archambault, it was unanimously voted to accept and approve the letter to be sent with regard to the water heater rental program and that the cut line for the letters is 2008.

Consumer Deposits

Vice Chair Labrecque called on Mr. Conchieri to discuss the consumer deposits. Mr. Conchieri presented a synopsis of 26 other Municipal Light Departments with regard to their consumer deposit policies. After reviewing our past write-offs to bad debts and how it would have been reduced by 45% with a change in policy, the Board indicated that it was time to update the policy and asked for a more fully developed policy at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Mr. Doerpholz asked the Board to give guidance on a request made by SHELD's foreman, Ed Morrin. The Board proceeded to discuss the request to send one of SHELD's apprentice linemen to tractor trailer training school for four weeks with SHELD paying for the school in order to become a second holder of a Class 1 CDL. After discussing the reasons for the request and the disadvantages to providing schooling to just one employee, it was agreed by all Board members that the recommendation would be to wait until the employee has completed his Class 2 CDL testing before further discussion on the matter.

Next Meeting

Vice Chair Labrecque set the next two meetings for Tuesday, February 10, 2015, and Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

Executive Session Vote

It was:

VOTED: To adjourn the regular meeting of the Municipal Light Board meeting and enter into Executive Session with reference to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiation

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position of the public body, discussion of real estate relating to, one, Old Lyman Road property; two, telecommunication deployment, and not to reconvene in open session upon completion of that after adjournment Executive Session on the basis of a roll call vote as follows:

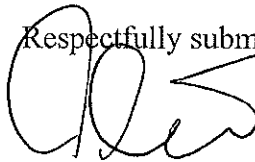
Commissioner Labrecque	"Aye"
Commissioner Archambault	"Aye"
Commissioner Webster	"Aye"

Vice Chair Labrecque stated that the Municipal Light Board would be entering into Executive Session and not to reconvene the open session after adjournment from Executive Session.

The Municipal Light Board entered into Executive Session at 5:03 P.M. with Attorney John Welch and Mr. Wayne Doerpholz in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine M. Archambault, Clerk
Municipal Light Board

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