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Light Commissioners' Meeting May 1st, 2012

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards, Julie Farrell

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Tom Berry, Kathy Webster

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Julie, 3-0 in favor.
Century Bank was added to the agenda under "other business".

The April 3rd minutes were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Julie, 3-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager had previously presented the Board with a solar by-law proposal that was to be a warrant article at the May Town Meeting and he relayed his suggestions to the Planning Board at a public hearing in April. The Manager had suggested to the Planning Board that they adjust their floor solar generation facility down to 50 KW from 250 KW, stating that this would prevent smaller commercial net-metered solar generation facilities from being constructed without any planning guidelines. He had also suggested either removing the language about securing a bond due to its redundancy to any potential PPA, or simply referencing a PPA bond commitment in the by-law itself. The Manager had told the Planning Board that site remediation work would be standard language in any PPA executed with Templeton Light.

The Manager had prepared for the Board a new net metering proposal for commercial generation facilities from 10 to 50 KW in nameplate capacity, originating from a similar set of net metering guidelines from West Boylston Light (most likely drafted by Dave Columbo). Templeton Light had already been approached several times by some of its commercial customers for solar installations up to 60 KW, and the Manager felt it necessary to protect Templeton Light's generation interests with some type of net metering proposal. Should the property owner also own the solar facility, it would be difficult for Templeton Light to continue to refuse an installation. The Manager Felt that this net metering proposal would at least cap installations at 50 KW maximum but also limit each installation of KW to 80% of each commercial customer's 36-month peak demand. On a motion made by Dana, seconded by Julie, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to accept the proposed net metering agreement.

There were no new legislative updates to be given to the Board by the Manager at this time, but he did plan to have updates after the 2012 MEAM Annual Meeting next week.

New Business:

The Manager updated the Board on some of the activity of Templeton Light's Treasury funds held at MMWEC. The Board had initially voted to utilize Select Energy Trust funds to make the first payment to National Grid for the transmission tap line reconstruction. Upon discussion w/ Ron DeCurzio, the Manager discovered that all Select monies are to be used for the purchase of energy only, and not capacity or transmission or other power assets. Because of this, the Manager had made arrangements with MMWEC to pay the invoice from the MA Reserve Trust funds, utilize Select Energy Trust funds to pay some power bills and then be invoiced by MMWEC the amount to be paid back to the MA Reserve Trust funds. This invoice would then be paid by the monies in maintenance cash that would've otherwise been utilized to pay the power bills.

The Manager distributed to the Board copies of some electric rate comparisons putting Templeton light against the other municipal light plants in MA and also the IOUs. These data were compiled by MMWEC and comparisons were formulated by rate class and KWH usage. Templeton Light currently rounds out at 13.71¢ per KWH for residential, 12.12¢ per KWH for small/medium commercial and 13.16¢ per KWH for large commercial/industrial.

The Light Superintendent gave the Board a report on some potential wind turbine generator maintenance that may be needed. The generator has been roaring as of late when up above 100 KW or so and may have some bearing issues. The Light Superintendent said that he had been in contact with Elin and IPS/Trico to develop a game plan for performing a vibration analysis on the generator to ascertain the level of bearing damage. The manager anticipates an update by the June meeting.

Other Business:

Julie had felt that there should have been a light board vote to authorize the General Manager and the Staff Accountant to access the Century Bank accounts for ACH accounts and credit/debit transactions. The General Manager agreed, but also had informed the Board that the town's treasury was in disarray, with the treasurer and assistant treasurer both leaving weeks apart and now the town accountant having given notice of departure in June. He had felt it critical to access the over \$100K as soon as possible currently being held by Century Bank in light and water funds such that cash flow wouldn't suffer. On a motion by Dana, seconded by Julie, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to authorize the General Manager, the Office Manager and the Staff Accountant to access said Century Bank funds forthwith. The General Manager told the Board that he and the Staff Accountant would work with the new town treasurer to have a new "Exhibit B" signed by all and witnessed by a bank representative.

There being no other regular session business to discuss, on a motion by Dana, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the light board meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager