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John M. Driscoll, *General Manager*

**Light Commissioners' Meeting
November 18, 2016**

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards, Chris Stewart

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Tom Berry

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor.

The minutes of October 11, 2016 were approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor.

Old Business:

(The status of the proposals and/or counter-proposals to/from the TMLWP/the IBEW Local 104 would to be discussed later in Executive Session.)

The union grievance issue was nearly settled amongst the two parties at this time. Counsel for the TMLWP and for the IBEW Local 104 would agree on a document to be signed by both parties basically stating that the verbal warning issued to Nick Houston on July 18, 2016 was just that; a verbal warning. It had been the Manager's and the Superintendent's positions all along that the fact that the details of the cell phone incident were put to paper did not change its verbal warning status to written warning status in the progressive discipline world. At some point the TMLWP would need to sign to agree to destroy all written records of the cell phone incident in the TMLWP's possession.

On the AMI System front, David Scott had been attending to multiple prospective bidder requests for the TMLWP's bid package and for clarifications and general information on our system needs and wants. A bid opening for those interested would be taking place on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

On the Battery Storage front, MMWEC had been researching the possibility of using the TMLWP's 1303 distribution circuit as the recipient of 2 MWH of batteries as an answer to the MA DOER's "Critical Care Facilities" grant opportunity. Other grant opportunities would be presenting themselves in the first quarter of 2017 under resiliency, so the Manager would work with MMWEC in order to present the most appropriate grant proposal to the MA DOER.

New Business:

The Manager presented the Board with his proposed Operating Budget for the Light Plant for CY2017 at \$7,674,457, a figure 4.5% lower than that of CY2016. He cited the primary reason for the decrease as Templeton's Seabrook Project 6 monthly capacity obligations being reduced by roughly \$55,000. The Manager stated that this would mean a \$330,000 reduction in power supply costs for 2017 and \$660,000 going forward. As of July 1, 2017 the majority of the MMWEC Nuclear Debt will be paid off.

A brief discussion was had between the Board and the Manager regarding the Light Plant's proposed contribution to the Town for FY2018. The Light Plant had already paid in lieu of taxes a total of \$86,140 in contributions to the Town for FY2017 between the Town's electric and street lighting invoices and a new police vehicle. No consensus was reached at this meeting but the Manager told the Board he would provide more supporting documentation to the next meeting. He did share with the Board his opinion that the overall KWH sales to customers would decrease from 2015 to 2016 by the time all of the electric sales summary data was made available to him.

There were six (6) hand-outs that the Manager had prepared for the Board that did not particularly require any specific discussion:

- 2015 MA MLP Clean Generation results
- 2015 APPA Electric Rate Survey results
- September 2016 Power Supply
- October 2016 Wind Generation
- October 2016 KWH Sales/Revenues
- November 2016 Residential Rate Comparisons

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor the Light Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll



General Manager