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Light Commissioners' Meeting

June 8, 2021

Members present were: Chairman Dana Blais
Clerk/Secretary Chris Stewart
Member Gregg Edwards

Employees present were: General Manager (GM) John Driscoll
Light Superintendent (LS) Thomas Berry
Business Manager (BM) Jennifer Belliveau

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion from Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The GM updated the Board on any new legislative developments that would affect the Light Plant. There were none at this time. He said that as far as the newer MLP legislation was concerned that the Light Plant's non-emitting status for 2020 was almost at 2030's milestone level of 50% (46.8% last year).

The LS updated the Board on the status of the two construction projects on the Light Plant's property. The schedule for the garage expansion looked to be in line with our expectations, but that of the transformer storage facility did not. The building materials for this facility would not be here by July 1 so there'd be no way for Construction Dynamics to complete it on time. The pole yard had been successfully replicated and re-located to the rear of the property adjacent to the fuel tanks. Dana mentioned that if at all possible he thought that the entire surface around the new facility should be paved so we didn't have multiple grades of asphalt in such a small place. The LS said he'd look into this, but it would likely mean another change order is needed.

The GM again brought up the idea of retiring the Light Plant's WRECs for 2021 and on. His figure showed that our cost for wind power would increase by 30% but that hour power supply cost would increase only by 4% and total budget costs would increase by 2%. The retirement would increase our claimable non-emitting status from 46.8% to 52.5% for 2020. The Board will need to vote to do this.

The GM said that the audit for 2020 for the Light Plant had almost been finalized. He emphasized the differences between 2020 and 2019 on our net income. In 2019 it was **\$1,170,945** as opposed to just **\$64,508** in 2020. The Light Plant had paid off numerous MMWEC power bills that had been in 30-150

day status in 2020 in order to catch up finally. This likely amounted to roughly \$700,000 in extra power bills paid in 2020. We were now within 30-day status with PSA and non-PSA power bills for the first time since 2008. Also, the Light Plant had contributed \$153,000 as a PILOT to the Town compared to only \$45,000 in 2019; this was as a result of getting invoices from the Town to be paid later in the year than anticipated. Overall retail electric rates were only 11.04¢ in 2020 and were 11.75¢ in 2019, a 6% decrease over a year.

New Business:

(The Board and the GM discussed salary adjustments for FY2022 in Executive Session.)

At this time a vote took place as follows:

On a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch 30A Sec 21(a) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. The Board would re-convene in Open Session following Executive Session only to Adjourn.

Dana - Aye

Gregg - Aye

Chris - Aye

Other Business:

There were five (4) handouts tonight:

1. May 2021 Power Supply
2. May 2021 Sales Summary
3. May 2021 Wind Generation
4. June 2021 Retail Rates

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor, the Light Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John M Driscoll
General Manager