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## **Light Commissioners' Meeting**

**August 30, 2023**

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 9:45 a.m. by Dana.

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

The minutes from June 30, 2023, were approved, on a motion by Chris seconded by Dana, 3-0 in favor.

### **Old Business:**

The LS informed the Board that the building had been completed by the September 1 deadline, and there was just the matter of taking care of a small punch list of items before the contractor gets the second 50% of the whole payment to him.

The GM discussed with the Board the status of the overdue MMWEC Power Bills. At this time we had paid an additional \$200,000 in power bills to go toward the overdue balance of (now) \$900,000, reducing it to \$700,000. The GM is considering a 3¢ PPCA for next month in order to ensure that there is enough revenues coming in to pay off the remaining \$700,000 owed to the bills by year end. Increasing the PPCA from 2¢ to 3¢ means an additional \$55,000 in revenues for September.

The GM reported the sales for July and August since the PPCA increase from 0¢ to 2¢ effective July 1. July produced \$851,000 in light sales and August produced \$918,000. Last year these figures were \$636,000 and \$725,000 respectively. This is a 30% increase in retail rates from 2022 to 2023 due the 2¢ PPCA in July and the 12.5% rate increase in March. Residential rates were 14.62¢ in February, 15.37¢ in March and 17.63¢ in July, possibly going to 18.30¢ in September.

### **New Business:**

*and legal holidays, and remained so posted at the time of the meeting; that in connection with the above vote, no deliberations or decisions were taken in private or executive session; and that the official record of the meeting was or will be made available to the public, all in accordance with MGL Ch 30A Sec 18-25, as amended.*

*Dated: May 11, 2023*

*Clerk Christopher Stewart*

**Other Business:**

The GM gave the Board copies of the MMWEC rate comparisons for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year, 2023. He said that Templeton was in 8<sup>th</sup> place for residential rates in the state for 755 kWh of usage, even after our 12.5% rate increase. For March 2023 a Templeton electric bill would be \$114 compared to a National Grid bill for \$370. The GM stated that the same comparisons for commercial/industrial customers are not available yet.

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John M. Driscoll