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**Light Commissioners' Meeting
October 11, 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 August 3, 2016 were approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager informed the Board that there had been no developments in the status of the negotiations between the IBEW Local 104 and the TMLWP for a new CBA for 2016 thru 2018. Because of this there would be no need for any Open Session or Executive Session discussions on the matter.

As it pertained to the grievance filed by the IBEW Local 104 in July 2016, the matter had reached third-tier status in that it was now out of the Manager's/Superintendent's and Board's hands and would now be argued in front of an arbitration panel in Boston. The costs associated with said arbitration would be split 50/50% between the parties involved, and the Manager and the Superintendent had the full support of the Board at this time to take this process to its logical end. All of them agreed that a union grievance, whether or not it was ultimately found to be in favor of the union or of the department, was worth the risk when the alternative could be an electrocution. The Board were, like the Manager and the Superintendent, astounded that such a ridiculous issue had been taken to this level in a few months' time, especially when one considered the fact that the Light Plant was under no obligation to allow personal cell phone use to ANYBODY during normal work hours. The Manager would keep the Board informed as to any changes in the current status of this grievance.

The Manager and the Superintendent had met several times in person and via conference call with David Scott on the proposed AMI System. David had prepared a full first draft of the RFP to be utilized for this process, and both John and Tom had gone through the document with David and made the necessary edits, additions, subtractions, etc. At this time David was working on a second draft of the AMI RFP which would incorporate both John and Tom's recent suggestions for it. All three of them would meet again when this second draft was completed, and this process could and would repeat to its natural result; a satisfactory RFP to meet the light Plant's needs for an AMI System. Both the Manager and the Superintendent were impressed to date

with David Scott's expertise in this one specific area and told the Board that to go through this process w/o such a consultant would be insurmountable.

The Manager would be attending a ground-breaking ceremony at the Sterling Municipal Light Department tomorrow that was to be attended by many of the players involved in battery storage. Sterling had been for the past two years working on securing grant funding from the MA DOER to install a 2 MVA/3 MWH battery storage system at their substation. The Manager believed that Sterling was able to get around two thirds of their project funded by grants and another third funded with their own capital. Templeton's membership to the MA CEC could qualify the Light Plant for additional grant funding from there to be added to any MA DOER grant funding.

The Manager believed that such a battery storage system could be installed in Templeton for around \$2.5M, of which \$1.8M could potentially be grant funding, leaving the Light Plant responsible for just \$700K yielding a 2-3 year payback term. He also believed that, unlike the wind turbine pro-forma, the battery storage model had far less variables within it and far more know costs and revenues going forward (more predictability). Further, the MW output dispatch of a battery system here could be controlled and scheduled, unlike the power from the solar and wind generation assets behind Templeton's wholesale revenue meters now.

New Business:

There were four (4) hand-outs that the Manager had prepared for the Board that did not particularly require any specific discussion:

- August 2016 Power Supply
- September 2016 Wind Generation
- September 2016 KWH Sales/Revenues
- October 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