

Light Commissioners' Meeting
April 8, 2014

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

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Tom Berry

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Dana.

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

The March 11, 2014 minutes were approved on a motion by Dana, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager was proposing to the Board that the TMLWP begin the process of processing its own vendor warrant checks and also mailing out our own vendor warrant checks. At present the Town was utilizing funds from the taxpayer base to cover the postage of mailing the TMLWP vendor warrant checks to respective vendors. The Manager said that this made no sense since this postage was already included in the TMLWP's 2014 operating budget. He had consulted with Tony Gallati from ASA Tire on this issue and was informed that the necessary hardware and software for the utility billing system to print out checks was already in place; all that was needed was tractor-fed check paper. This would allow the TMLWP to again track the mailing dates of checks to vendors in order to know when a check would be received late by any of our vendors, unlike the current situation where the checks are mailed from the Town's Offices on dates which the TMLWP do not have.

In general the Board was in agreement with the Manager that this would save the Town Offices some time on processing all of the TMLWP vendor warrant checks in addition to all of the other town departments' checks. The Manager stated that he would inform the Selectmen of the TMLWP's intention to start this process after a dry run and did not anticipate any problems with their agreeing to this new arrangement. It would be easier to manage any problems with the TMLWP's payment schedule with its various vendors if the process were in our control from the start.

New Business:

The Manager distributed to the Board copies of reports on the February 2014 Power Supply Expenses, the March 2014 Wind Generation and the April 2014 Residential Electric Rate Comparisons for their review. He explained some of the reasons for the fluctuations from month to month.

The Manager informed the Board about the April 2014 scheduled re-fueling outage for Seabrook I which MMWEC had prepared the TMLWP for by hedging 46% of our wholesale power for the month, or about 2,288 MWH, for \$106K. This would result in a rate of only 4.6¢ per KWH for 46% of the TMLWP's power needs for April 2014, likely resulting in lower overall wholesale costs than March 2014.

The Manager distributed copies to the Board of a second draft of the Light Plant's 2013 net income, which had been reduced from \$114K to about \$44K due to a late received ISONE invoice for the Open Access Transmission Tariff. The Staff Accountant felt that this was a December 2013 expense and thus should be recorded as such, and she felt that the TMLWP's auditing firm would agree. The Manager was in agreement that the net income for 2013 be adjusted down to \$44K from \$114K and stated that this change would affect the ability of the light Plant to make any appreciable PILOT to the Town for FY15. The Manager had not yet heard anything back from the Selectmen on the Board's proposal of April 3, 2014 to fund a town roadway project of their choosing (he distributed copies to the Board of the April 3, 2014 letter to the Town).

The Manager distributed copies to the Board of a letter that he had written to the state's Inspector General's office regarding the financing structure of the Templeton Wind Turbine. Selectperson Julie Farrell had expressed interest at one of their meetings on requesting, through the IG's Office, that an investigation be done on how the TMLWP had borrowed funds to finance the Templeton Wind Turbine project. In an effort to be more proactive than reactive the Manager had sent this letter to the IG's Office well in advance of the Selectmen making any motion to follow through on Selectperson Julie Farrell's would-be request. The Manager informed the Board that he did have a good discussion already with an Inspector Cohen of this state office and had explained what the TMLWP's intentions were for the letter that he had sent. He (Inspector Cohen) agreed with the Manager that it was better to have this letter prepared in advance of any investigation request and would keep it on file with his office should they require it.

The Manager had proposed to the Board that the existing Light Plant Truck #21, a 2006 Ford F-150 4x4 pickup truck, be offered to the Water Plant as a replacement unit for their Truck #31, a 2004 vehicle. On a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to transfer vehicle ownership as requested by the Manager.

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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager