

**Light Commissioners' Meeting  
August 5, 2014**

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Tom Berry

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Dana.

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

The July 8, 2014 minutes were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor.

**Old Business:**

The Manager updated the Board on the status of the solar generation facility project on Farnsworth Road. Crews had already begun to replace utility poles on the road and both the Manager and Superintendent had begun ordering several items necessary to complete the Light Plant's portion of the interconnect obligation. GroSolar had an agreement with Ten K to have the solar generation facility constructed by December 31, 2014 but the agreement between Ten K and the Light Plant have Ten K until March 31, 2015 to reach the commercial operation date. Neither the Manager nor the Superintendent were concerned about meeting the Light Plant's milestone dates for completion of the interconnect obligation based on lead times of any of the project's materials.

The Superintendent had prepared copies for the Board of the bid package that went with the Light Plant's latest public bid for a new digger-derrick unit to be mounted on the new cab & chassis which they had ordered the previous month. The bid opening was later that month and the Superintendent did not anticipate seeing any new unit till at least April 2015. When the bid pricing came back there would be another board discussion on which digger-derrick unit to purchase to replace the older Truck #25.

There had already been several discussions about the Light Plant's contributing \$5,000 to the Narragansett Regional School District toward a full-blown commercial energy audit for the high school/middle school. The board had agreed in principle to donate the funds to the project but still wished to see the scope of this audit and the Enernoc

invoice for the audit in advance of committing any funding to it. The Manager had been very busy thru July and had not yet been in communication with Bill Clabaugh to receive any of this; he would make another attempt to reach out to him to do that.

The Manager shared with the Board a letter that he had received from Joy Taintor thanking the Light Plant for their generosity over the \$10,000 in FY 2015 for town swimming lessons. There had been a calamity of errors surrounding the establishment of the Town's swimming lesson program this fiscal year and the budget line item had been zeroed on the budget accepted by the Town's voters. Dana asked the Manager if her intention was to give the check back or not and the Manager said that he would ask.

### **New Business:**

The discussion on salary adjustments for the Light Plant's three exempt employees was to be tabled until the full board were present for the discussion.

The Manager gave the Board a review of August 2014 Power Supply costs as it related to the Light Plant's forward power transactions/hedging program. MMWEC had hedged for Templeton 28% of its wholesale power for August 2014 for \$57.63 per MWH in an effort to stabilize the month's purchase rate in case of higher than normal demand days. As it stood the entire month of August was estimated to cost \$87.50 per MWH which would necessitate the lowering of the fuel adjustment for October 2014.

There were three (3) hand-outs that the Manager had prepared for the Board that did not particularly require any specific discussion:

- June 2014 Power Supply
- July 2014 Wind Generation
- July 2014 Commercial/Industrial Electric Rate Comparisons
- August 2014 Residential Electric Rate Comparisons

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor the Light Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll  
General Manager