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**Light Commissioners' Meeting  
June 10, 2014**

Members present were: Dana Blais, Chris Stewart  
Employees present were: John Driscoll  
The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Dana.  
The agenda was approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor.

**Old Business:**

The Manager updated the Board on the status of the situation regarding the processing and mailing of the light and water vendor warrant checks; who was to handle the task, the Town or the TMLWP? He stated that he had heard stories about what may happen, mostly idle chat around town but there was yet to be a single meeting between the Board here and the Select Board to discuss the matter in any official capacity. The Manager stressed that the TMLWP had no intention of paying the Town for such a service; not only because there was already an offer on the table for the TMLWP to take care of it all for the Town BUT ALSO that nearly hundreds of light and water vendor warrant checks had been mailed late just in FY14 alone so why would the Light Plant pay for such a service? The Manager told the Board that should such a negotiation ever begin over the issue of the fee per warrant processed by the Town for the TMLWP then the Manager will simply bring a folder containing the nearly hundreds of light and water bills from FY14 with the phrase *balance forward* on them, demonstrating a late payment.

The Manager had prepared for the Board an alternate proposal to the Town in lieu of a PILOT for their FY15 operating budget. He re-visited the offer of offering the Town the entirety of the Light Plant's net income/surplus funds for their calendar year 2013 to fund a town roadway project of their choosing for FY15 (roughly \$41,000) AND ALSO for the Light Plant to fund all of the Town's electric bills for FY15 (roughly \$20,000) AND ALSO for the Light Plant to fund the Town's streetlight expense for FY15 (roughly \$24,000). The Manager stated that this would be a contribution of **\$85,000** to the Town for known line item budget expenses rather than the traditional insertion of electric funds into their general funds. On a motion by Chris, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor the Board voted to make an FY15 Contribution to the Town in the manner detailed above.

The Manager and the Board agreed that it was good to get this issue resolved once and for all being that it was June already and FY14 was nearly done. Both were more comfortable with this approach as it would be easier to explain to their electric ratepayers what the Light Plant's above-the-line funding had provided for the Town; in this case a new road, free electricity for a year and free streetlights for a year. The Manager would draft a letter to the Select Board informing of the Board's vote this night.

The Manager had distributed copies to the Board of some vehicle quotes for a new cab/chassis unit to replace the existing Light Truck #25, the Light Plant's digger/derrick unit. The

Superintendent had procured the estimates but could not be in attendance that evening so the Manager relayed to the best of his ability the options available to the Light Plant. There was a concerted effort to get away from the International vehicles due to their high price and poor performance as of late. The Manager stated that the Light Plant had already had multiple electrical issues with the International cab/chassis purchased in 2006 to replace Light Truck #27, an aerial lift unit. Several alternators and starters and electrical boards had been replaced already and he attributed part of this to its being dormant for so long prior to having the aerial lift body attached to it. The Manager felt that this reinforced his proposal to purchase the cab/chassis and digger/derrick body the same budget year, which would minimize idle time outside for the cab/chassis unit and minimize the maintenance funds necessary to operate the existing digger/derrick unit another year.

Rather than take a vote that night the Board opted to wait for the Superintendent to be present so that he could better explain the vast differences in the four (4) price quotes for what was supposed to be the same cab/chassis unit. The Manager stated that would be fine and in advance of the July meeting he could have the Superintendent prepare bid documents for the digger/derrick unit to speed things up.

#### **New Business:**

The only new business this meeting were three (3) hand-outs that the Manager had prepared for the Board:

- April 2014 Power Supply
- May 2014 Wind Generation
- June 2014 Residential Electric Rate Comparisons

#### **Other Business:**

A representative from the Town's Recreation Department had been in attendance at tonight's meeting in order to solicit from the Board a contribution from the Light Plant in the amount of \$10,000 for said department for the purpose of funding swimming lessons for some town children. On a motion by Dana, seconded by Chris, 2-0 in favor the Board voted to give the Town's Recreation Department **\$10,000** to fund their swimming lessons for town children (said funds to be deducted from the previous \$41,000 designated as the FY15 Contribution to the Town for a roadway project).

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll  
General Manager