

Light Commissioners' Meeting March 12th, 2013

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

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Tom Berry, Kathy Webster, Greg Haley, Bob Whitney

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Dana.

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

The February 6th, 2013 minutes were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager updated the Board on the status of the wind turbine cost certification. He was displeased upon receiving an e-mail from Peter Chatellier from Braver on March 5th stating in which he stated that MMWEC had still not provided him with the necessary documentation that he requested to complete the cost certification. The Manager had immediately contacted Ron DeCurzio who contacted Carol Martucci to get a status report. By Friday, March 8th, MMWEC had provided to Braver all of the necessary data for Peter Chatellier to compile the cost certification. The Manager felt that now all of the data was in the possession of Braver and this was no longer a multi-party process, a few months of work would produce for Templeton Light the cost certification.

The Manager confirmed for the Board that the TMLWP website was now complete and available for all to view. In addition to agendas and minutes, there were financial statements, rates, rules & regulations, pictures and helpful links for customer rebates on energy-efficient appliances. The Manager will monthly provide the website hosting person at Keene Web Works with new agendas and minutes as they become available.

The Manager and the Superintendent had made the decision to go with the Thomas & Betts distribution reclosers w/ the Schwietzer 351 Controls. These units came in second place for pricing and would be arriving at TMLWP in about 10 weeks. They both felt that the fact that TMLWP was already familiar with the Schwietzer 351 Control made it easy to choose the Thomas & Betts units. Luckily, there had been no increase in the number of outages on the 1302B circuit due to the absence of the recloser which had exploded in August of 2012.

New Business:

The Manager informed the Board that the 2012 Light Financial Audit had been underway for about two weeks now, and that Braver had already completed their TMLWP Office visit portion of their audit. The Manager felt that there would be no problem in receiving at least the draft light financials in time for the March 30th DPU Deadline.

The Manager distributed copies to the Board of a letter that he had received the night before at the March 11th Selectmens' Meeting. The letter was a formal request by the Templeton Board of Selectmen for \$150,000 as a PILOT from TLMWP for their fiscal year 2014. The Selectmen had voted the night before unanimously (4-0) to present this letter to the Light Commission this evening. The Manager informed the Chairman that based on the perceived light sales revenue for the next 9 months he was comfortable that by December of 2013 that the \$150,000 PILOT to the Town would be feasible. On a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to make a PILOT to the Town of \$150,000 for the fiscal year 2014.

Per the Board's request in February, the Manager had begun a formal electric rate study with Bruce Leymaster, about whom the Manager had heard several positive reviews from Sean Hamilton (Manager in Sterling). The Manager had provided Bruce with several documents via e-mail and had been in direct communication with him. He felt confident that within a few months' time, a formal electric rate study of Templeton Light's 2013 rates would be complete, and at that time he would have Bruce attend a Light Commission meeting to go over his results.

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the Open Session Light Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager