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Light Commissioners' Meeting March 13th, 2012

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Tom Berry

Resident present was: Sean Hamilton

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dana.

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

The February 7th minutes were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager gave the Board a status update on the Stonybrook III Project to date. He informed them that Hudson and Littleton had both withdrawn from project development costs in 2012 but still felt that they would be able to participate in power sales agreements in 2013 and after. The Manager was confident that Georgetown and Middleton would also likely withdraw from at least project development, if not additionally power sales agreements. All of these withdrawals had constituted a potential 43 MW of further participant withdrawal.

Sean Hamilton (MMWEC Board member) added that he had been engaged in conversations with Taunton Light regarding a potential 50 MW share in Stonybrook III. He further added that the remaining 63 MW of the project share would be taken by others (e.g., CMEEC, Constellation, Dominion, etc.) and the full 280 MW share may finally be complete.

The Manager also informed the Board that the pending House Bill H-3896 was still in committee and that he was unclear as to its possibility of passage. Sean Hamilton (MEAM Legislative Committee member) informed the Manager and the Board that there was to be a conference call with Bob Rodophele and some key MA legislators soon so that MEAM could relay their concerns on behalf of the municipal light plants. Sean said that he would inform the Manager of any updates at next week's regularly scheduled MEAM meeting. Templeton Light did receive a letter of support from Senator Stephen Brewer, which was copied and distributed to the Board.

New Business:

The Manager informed the Board of the status of the Winchendon portion of the 69 KV transmission tap line owned and operated by National Grid. A contractor had begun work 2 weeks prior and an early April completion date was expected. The Manager stated that no down payment of \$288K had been made to National Grid yet since there had been no invoice for it. A down payment is expected due in March along with a job completion payment in September.

A copy of the CY10 Town Light Report had been distributed to the Board for their review. This report, like the town water report, will be available in the next version of the town book in May of 2012.

The Manger had prepared a report on the Berkshire and Templeton Wind projects as to their MWH output and operating costs to date. Since May 28th, 2011 the Berkshire Wind farm had generated for Templeton Light 1,911 MWH at a cost of \$286,381, yielding a cost per MWH of \$149.90. Similarly, since September 1st, 2010 the Templeton Wind unit had generated for Templeton Light 3,024 MWH at a cost of \$584,114, yielding a cost per MWH of \$193.20.

There was a discussion of the PILOT to the Town of Templeton for FY13. A payment of \$175K was issued for their FY11 and a payment of \$100K was issued for their FY12. The Manager had mentioned to the Board that from Templeton Light's CY10 to CY11 that the KWH sales were down 0.72%, and further that their year-end cash position for CY11 was \$12K as opposed to \$330K the previous CY10. The Manager suggested that these numbers be used to gauge this year's PILOT. On a motion by Dana, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor the Board voted to pay \$100K for the FY13 PILOT.

The Manager provided the Board with a few justifications for LED Streetlight change-outs on South Main Street and Baldwinville Road. The replacement of 24 100-Watt HPS fixtures with 24 53-Watt LED ones on South Main Street will yield a 6.3-year payback term. Similarly, the replacement of 47 100-Watt HPS fixtures with 47 53-Watt LED ones on Baldwinville Road will also yield a 6.3-year payback term. A justification was also provided for the town's 7 250-Watt HPS fixtures that were replaced with 7 103-Watt LED ones at various locations, offering a 4.7-year payback.

There being no other regular session business to discuss at this time, on a motion by Dana, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor the light board meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager