

07-28-2016

STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 28, 2016

LOCATION: SMLD Building  
Rear Board Room  
50 Main Street  
Sterling, MA 01564

BOARD MEMBERS: Matthew Stelmach (Stelmach), Chairman  
Brian Pierce (Pierce), Clerk  
Joe Curtin (arrived late)

SMLD STAFF: Sean Hamilton (Hamilton), Manager

MINUTES: Brian Pierce-Clerk

5:10 p.m. **Meeting called to order, Chairman Stelmach stated that the meeting is subject to Audio recording -** Roll Call Attendance, Stelmach present, Pierce present,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board members and attendance pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Pierce made a motion to approve agenda, Stelmach seconded, it was discussed to remove items, #6, minutes. On a motion by Pierce to accept the amended agenda, second by Stelmach, Stelmach "aye", Pierce "aye", all in favor**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Hamilton discussed the recent General Managers report he had sent out and asked if there were any questions or concerns, Stelmach commented the report was good and it helped keep him up to date. Hamilton will try to present them quarterly.
2. Hamilton reported on the increased number of outages we have been having that are being caused by squirrels, we are double the number from the previous years at this time of year. He suspects it is caused by the easy winter we experienced last season

3. Hamilton reported that APPA had published the article of an interview with Matt and himself they had given during the APPA annual conference.
4. A discussion was held on the reliability of the Carbolon generating plant after Hamilton reported it has failed to fully run the last 2 times we need it. Darren has sent a list of items causing the problems to the maintenance vendor to review.

#### **Old Business-**

- a) Community Clean Energy Resiliency initiative -Under old business Hamilton presented the two contracts accepted by our attorney we would need to vote on, because of proprietary information and on advice of our attorney they will be discussed in executive session and voted on.
- b) Quotes to perform the LED light change out electrical work at the Butterick building were presented with the low quote belonging to DMH Electric for \$8,053.12, **on a motion by Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Curtin, 3-0 in favor, the quote was accepted.**
- c) Hamilton reported the Pikes Hill URD project was going very well, there were some concerned residents about the lawns and the heat, and we have assured them we will hydro seed again in the fall if needed. All main line conduit is in and we are doing the road crossings.

#### **New Business-**

- a) Hamilton asked for a vote on the depreciation list he had presented to the board at the June meeting, **on a motion by Pierce to transfer \$319,505.73 from the depreciation account to the general fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Curtin, 3-0 all in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES-** The 4 sets of draft minutes Pierce had distributed for review will be Held for June meeting

**CUSTOMER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS** – Pierce asked if the Muddy Pond Copper wire that caught fire over the weekend was on the list to be changed to tree wire soon, Hamilton will looked into it.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-** Minutes,

**Next meeting-**To be scheduled

**5:55pm** a motion was made by Curtin to go into executive session under M.G.L. Chapter 30 A section 21 (a) clause 10, to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information provided in the course of activities conducted by a governmental body as an energy supplier. Pierce “aye, Curtin “aye”, Stelmach “aye”

**6:21 pm.** – Meeting returned from executive session and was adjourned on a motion by Curtin, second by Pierce, no discussion, all in favor,

ATTEST:

  
Brian Pierce, Clerk

DATE:

Dec 2, 2016

Board Approval and Release

12-01-2016