

2017-06-29  
STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 29, 2017

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Matthew Stelmach (Stelmach), Chairman  
Joseph Curtin Curtin) Vice Chairman  
Brian Pierce (Pierce), Clerk

SMLD STAFF: Sean Hamilton (Hamilton), Manager

MINUTES: Jane Brunetta (Brunetta)

6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order, Chairman Stelmach stated that the meeting is subject to Audio & video recording and broadcast. **Roll Call Attendance, Stelmach present, Curtin present, and 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 as amended, removing under old business 4c, Curtin seconded, no discussion, Stelmach aye, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, all in favor

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Hamilton reported there was outage for one and a half hours at the sub-station, not sure of cause, thought it was an animal, but no permanent damage
2. Hamilton stated they received 3 quotes for tree removals, Favreau was the lowest at \$27,200 for removal of 33 trees, DPW and light crew marked all trees to be removed
3. Hamilton stated he received a quote of \$7,060 for football field lights, might be something they may want to do in future, tried to get an grant, but was not able too
4. Hamilton met with Prime Wellness owner today for about an hour, we don't have full load yet, probably will be on line for 14-16 hours, will try to not use peak hours, October opening planned
5. MLP Procurement bill now in committee, trying to change the town procurement to \$50,000, Hamilton said Representative Ferguson has been very helpful in getting this through

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. Battery Storage Project Update – Going well, still finalizing remote log ins, the Working Foremen is working on it, even at night, MMWEC is not able to log in and operate the project, they working on how to resolve this, we missed a couple of peaks when the batteries were down for balancing but now up and running during peak hours
- b. Senior Center Generator – Hamilton said Generac was the only company they could buy direct from– 45 kW generators for \$16,461. Hamilton did speak to the Police Chief and he will put this thru the FEMA grant, including our labor.
- c. Solar Tariff Review - removed from agenda
- d. Main Street Garage - Hamilton showed board members final plans. Hamilton stated that the only area heated will be the bathroom, which is 8 x 5

## NEW BUSINESS

Electric Vehicle Program – Hamilton said one customer already purchased one, five on list to test drive electric car’s Hamilton said maybe he will look into purchasing one in next year’s budget, put logo on and just use around town. Hamilton said maybe they can use the school area for test drive, waiting for date to be scheduled

- a. Smart Electric Power Association (SEPA) Award – Meeting is September 10-13, 2017 in Las Vegas, Sterling is number one for Storage Watts per customer Energy Storage North America (ESNA) Award Nomination – Hamilton sent out information to several locations and Selectman also mentioned it at their recent meeting, only one vote per e-mail Hamilton said that APPA training for accounting will be held in Littleton, Ma in October four from office will be attending

## APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

1. February 23, 2017 – **Curtin made a motion to approve Regular Session Minutes, February 23, 2017, as written , Pierce seconded**, no discussion, Stelmach aye, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, all in favor  
February 23, 2017 – Executive Session 1 and 2 – to be discussed in Executive Session
2. April 27, 2017 – **Curtin made a motion to approve Regular Session Minutes, April 27, 2017 as amended, Pierce seconded**, no discussion, Stelmach aye, Pierce aye, Curtin aye, all in favor -  
April 27, 2017 – Executive Session – to be discussed in Executive Session
3. May 25, 2017 – **Pierce made a motion to approve Regular Session Minutes, May 25, 2017 as amended, Curtin seconded**, no discussion, Stelmach aye, Pierce aye, Curtin aye, all in favor  
May 25, 2017 – **Curtin made a motion to approve Executive Session Minutes, May 25, 2017 as amended, not to be released**, Stelmach seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Stelmach aye, Pierce aye, Curtin aye, all in favor

## CUSTOMER COMMENTS

Stelmach commented that when he attended the APPA meeting, and talked With several other Municipalities, he was so surprised at how far ahead we are than any of Them, especially Battery Storage

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Town Hall Streaming

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2. Solar Review
3. Finish the Office Renovation

6:40 p.m. Pierce made a motion to go into Executive Session (1) under M.G.L. Chapter 30A: Section 21(a), Clause 10 (to Discussion 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)- Community Solar Program, Southgate only to come back regular session to adjourned

7:27 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda

ATTEST:

  
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Brian Pierce, Clerk

DATE:

Aug 16, 2017

Board Approval and Release

8/16/2017