

**STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS: Richard Sheppard, Chairman
Arthur J. Coughlin, Jr., Clerk
Kenneth I. H. Williams, Board Member

SMLD MANAGER: John Kilgo, Jr.

MINUTES: Christine Noponen

IN ATTENDANCE: George Pape, 69 Redemption Rock Trail, Sterling, MA 01564

Richard Sheppard (Sheppard) opens the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Coughlin makes a motion to approve the Tuesday, April 28, 2009 agenda as amended with no executive session necessary. Seconded by Williams. Unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Williams makes a motion to approve the Tuesday, March 31, 2009 regular session Sterling Municipal Light Department Board Meeting Minutes amended as corrected. Seconded by Coughlin. Unanimously approved by the Board.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

Sheppard states that some Unutil residential prices will drop as per a newspaper article. He will leave the article with John.

Sheppard states that he also has a state road database sheet from the DPW for the miles and feet of Sterling roads.

Williams comments that the runway at the airport is correct in its numbering and that you can approach for a landing in either direction. These comments made in respect to questions raised at the hearing of the wind by-law.

FINANCIALS

Kilgo notes that overall kWh sales are down 3.91%. The load factor is staying the same as the beginning of the year with the SMLD carrying close to a 69% load factor. The year-to-date revenues are up.

Further discussion is held concerning sales and the income. Kilgo states that our renewable purchases are up to 24.1% in 2008 and he hopes to maintain a high percentage over time. He also informs the board that the wind project is coming along very well.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kilgo presents a slide show that was used at the Planning Board meeting to look at the physical, electrical, safety and future considerations involved with the Wind Energy Conversion System By-law (WECS).

Kilgo states that the Smart Grid Regulations are just starting to hit the arena and are scary, as no one really knows where the regulations are going to go over the next 10 years.

Kilgo predicts that the transmission costs will continue to increase over the next 5 to 6 years probably 500%.

Kilgo states that there will be an informational packet for the board to review that he would like to have as a handout at Town Meeting. Williams says to keep the information simple. Kilgo agrees. Kilgo further states that he would like the information to be signed by Robert Protano and himself.

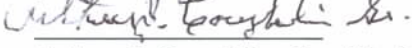
Further discussion is held in regards to the town meeting presentation and the different height limits.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The May board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Sheppard asks for a motion for the Light Board to adjourn the meeting. Williams makes the motion and Coughlin seconds it. Unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting is adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Arthur J. Coughlin, Sr., Clerk

DATE: 26 May 2009