

2019-06-13
STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 13, 2019

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Joseph Curtin (Curtin), Chairman
Brian Pierce (Pierce), Vice Chairman
Eric Darlington (Darlington) Clerk

SMLD STAFF: Sean Hamilton (Hamilton), Manager

MINUTES: Eric Darlington

ATTENDEES: Tracy Vaughn, Jim Goulet (Goulet, Salvidio & Associates)

6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order, Chairman Curtin stated that the meeting is subject to audio recording and broadcast. **Roll Call Attendance, Curtin present, Pierce present, Darlington present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pierce made a motion to move New Business, (a) Auditors Report above Manager's Report, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Auditors Report – Commissioners were provided with copies of the Auditors report. Jim Goulet and Tracy Voughn gave a detailed presentation on the report outlining the financial position of the SMLD

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Darren has been working with Booth Associates on the recloser study and how to best plan for future needs and downstream protection.
- b. May 25th MMWEC will host "Day on the Hill" to promote Green Energy Bill for MLPs
- c. Paul Hibert, former commission of the DPU published a report to show legislators where MLP carbon emitting generation is compared to proposed standards. SMLD is at 78% non-emitting
- d. Beginning to replace flush mount pedestal's for secondary underground connections with stand up pedestals, would eliminate existing problems where they fill with water and dirt.
- e. Riverview and Jill Lane 3 phase project is nearly complete, create redundancy protection for 100+ customers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Fiber Study – Legal is reviewing contracts. Boylston is starting line work. Waiting on SELCO agreement
- b. Senior Center Generator – The part is in, still waiting for contractor to install
- c. Handicap Ramp – Monty Tech came out to look at, need to replace decking, hand rails and paint, but structurally is sound.
- d. Executive Session Minutes – Board Members reviewed all the Executive Minutes for 2017. **Pierce made a motion to release 3/8/18, 3/17/18, 12/27/18 Executive Sessions Minutes, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor**
- e. Northgate HVAC Update – Kevin Cranes, council for the DPU, stated they do not have the authority to permit nor can he find a regulation not to allow in-unit submetering of the HVAC system. Hamilton will continue to work with contractor to move forward.
- f. 2 Leominster Roof Design – Plans are currently being drawn to estimate scope of work. Monty Tech agreed to take on the project and has committed to doing interior work and, if time allows outside work in the spring. Will need to contract to have the framework done.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Auditors Report – above
- b. Community Service Vehicle (Electric) – Grant available from DOER for \$7,500 for community vehicle and additional \$7,500 for charging station.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES - April 25, 2019

1. **Pierce made a motion to approve Regular Minutes of May 23, 2019 as written, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor**
2. **Pierce made a motion to approve Executive Minutes of May 23, 2019 as written, no to be released, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor**

CUSTOMER COMMENTS – Hamilton stated he has received several compliments from residents regarding the SMLD participation in the Navajo Nation Electrification Project

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Next Meeting – July 25, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.
2. Fiber
3. Senior Center Generator

4. Roof Design
5. Northgate HVAC Update
6. Community Service Vehicle

7:50 p.m. Darlington made a motion to go into Executive Session (1) under M.G.L. Chapter 30A: 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 Suppler) – Peaking Plant alternative Update, APP Generator, solar Array Revitalization, only to return to Regular Session to adjourn, Pierce seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

8:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

ATTACHMENT:

1. Agenda

ATTEST:



Eric Darlington, Clerk

DATE:

7/25/2019

BOARD APPROVAL AND RELEASE:

7/25/2019