

2020-03-05
STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 5, 2020

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: Jane Brunetta (Brunetta)

ATTENDEES: Darren Borge, SMLD Operation Supervisor
Matthew J. Ide, MMWEC Executive Director
Stephen J. Smith, CFAM MMWEC Manager

5:00 p.m. Meeting called to order, Chairman Curtin stated that the meeting is subject to audio recording- **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

SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Hamilton announced all exit locations and defibrillator location

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pierce made a motion to move 5a MMWEC Power Presentation and 9a Executive Session before Managers Report, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

NEW BUSINESS

5(a) MMWEC Power Presentation

Matthew Ide from MMWEC – explained how MMWEC works closely with ISO, from reporting and taking care of all payments that need to be made. Ide, stated that they work 365 days a year tracking energy trends and peak demands, stating that this month’s peak happened on a Sunday.

Stephen Smith of MMWEC – presented board members with a detailed report, from Energy Mix, Bulk Power Forecast, Components of Wholesale Electricity, Rates, Peak Alert Forecasting and Battery Results. Smith also talked about House Bill 2863 concerning non-carbon (Rec’s Sold) and how it would affect SMLD in coming years.

5:50 p.m. **Darlington made a motion to go into Executive Session (2) 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 Governmental Body as an Energy Supplier) only to come back into Regular Session**, Pierce seconded, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

6:10 p.m. – Regular Meeting in Session

MANAGER’S REPORT

1. Hamilton presented Board Members with 2019 Annual Town Report
2. Hamilton said last month there has been quite a lot of press, from fiber to battery
Hamilton still working on the cost analysis for fiber
3. Library Lights – Hamilton stated that Mass Save just came out with a \$100 rebate for GE lights for the library – **Darlington made a motion, under Pilot Program, to purchase 130 fixtures at a cost of \$5,167, subject to Energy Committee approval**, Pierce seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Fiber Project – Update – Borge stated that fiber is 85% complete, waiting for additional material, 2 splicers completed to West Boylston, 3rd will be done tomorrow, cable completed to Shrewsbury
- b. 2 Leominster Road Project – Update – Sheet Rock almost completed, walked thru with building inspector, draft complete for fire alarm, plumbing roughed, electrical complete, - still deciding on siding - Board Members told Hamilton to make a decision so it can be completed quickly
- c. AMI RFP – Update – Hamilton presented Board Members with final proposals from Eaton and L& G - Eaton came back with three proposals, after detailed discussion on all proposals, **Pierce made a motion to approve Eaton’s proposal # 3, not to exceed, \$675,616.38**, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor
Hamilton will present payment options for AMI at the next meeting
- d. Main Street URD Project – Hamilton presented a chart showing where all lights are located. Hamilton said the biggest holdup right now is Verizon. Hamilton said at this time the cost to SMLD is \$129,991.48. Hamilton stated not looking for a vote, just wanted Board Members to know where SMLD is at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. MMWEC Power Presentation – completed

- b. Ford Ranger Surplus to DPW – **Darlington made a motion to give the Ford Ranger Surplus vehicle to the DPW**, Pierce seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, no discussion
- c. NEPPA Mutual Aid Contract – **Darlington made a motion to approve NEPPA Mutual Aid Contract as amended**, Pierce seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor
- d. Schedule Manager Review – Set for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- e. Solar EV Charging Company – No longer interested, company couldn't get financing
- f. Hybrid Truck Grant – Hamilton grant is submitted to EPA

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES- January 23, 2020 –

Darlington made a motion to approve Regular Minutes of January 23, 2020 as amended, Pierce seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

CUSTOMER COMMENTS: - None

FUTURE AGENDA TIMES AND NEXT MEETING

- 1. Fiber Project
- 2. 2 Leominster Road
- 3. Main Street URD
- 4. Hybrid Truck Grant

Next Meeting – April 2, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

7:50 p.m. - Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:


 Eric Darlington, Clerk

DATE:

6/11/20

BOARD APPROVAL AND RELEASE:
