

**STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2008**

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

**SMLD MANAGER:** John Kilgo, Jr.

**MINUTES:** Christine Noponen

Richard Sheppard (Sheppard) opens the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Williams makes a motion to approve the Tuesday, October 21, 2008 agenda as written. Seconded by Coughlin. Role call: Coughlin, aye. Williams, aye. Sheppard, aye. Approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Williams makes a motion to accept with corrections the Tuesday, September 30, 2008 regular session Sterling Municipal Light Department Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Coughlin. Role call: Coughlin, aye. Williams, aye. Sheppard, aye. Approved by the Board.

**CUSTOMER COMMENTS**

Coughlin states there is a limb down in the Southbound lane of Route 12 between the DPW and Pandolf Perkins hanging out in breakdown lane. Kilgo states he will call the DPW.

Sheppard states that while we are trimming in an area and are right there, the crews should look to see if there are any signs that blocked by limbs and need to be trimmed. Kilgo states that it takes time to trim properly and it is not our responsibility but we will see what we can do.

Williams states that there is a dead tree hung up by a vine near Beaman Road. There is additional discussion about dead trees and limbs around town.

Williams states that the Pellecchia subdivision in Leominster is being approved by the DCR. Williams believes that there will be no activity for a while.

## FINANCIALS

Kilgo states that the kWhs for September are down about 11% mainly due to a mild month in degree days; however, the dollars are up. The average system load factor is holding strong at 66%, which is good.

Sheppard asks if the average monthly discount on page 5 is \$51,000 or \$52,000. Kilgo answers around \$51,000.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### WECS DRAFT BY-LAW

Kilgo states that all changes were requested have been done.

Williams states that looking through the changes on page 3, little m, we need to delete *Building Inspector* and replace it with *Enforcing Officer*. Williams asks if it is it really going to be possible for the residents to build a windmill with the 100 feet buffer zone? Kilgo says it is for the protection for the town and residents. Additional discussion is held regarding the windmills.

Williams states that the Planning Board should have a look at and a chance to comment on the proposed By-law before the final version goes to the Board of Selectmen. Kilgo says that he will have a letter crafted to the Planning Board.

### MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Coughlin makes a motion to go into Executive Session per MGL Chapter 164, Section 47D to discuss proprietary information. Williams seconds the motion. Role call. All in favor? Coughlin, aye. Sheppard, aye. Williams, aye. Approved by the Board.**

The Board goes into Executive Session as of 5:36 p.m.

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returns to open session at 6:38 p.m.

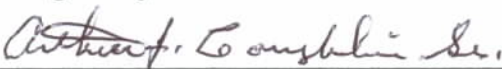
### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The November 2008 board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Williams makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Coughlin seconds the motion. All in favor? Coughlin, aye. Williams, aye. Sheppard, aye. Approved by the Board. The meeting is adjourned at 6:38 P.M.**

ATTEST:

  
Arthur J. Coughlin, Sr., Clerk

DATE:

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