

**STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

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

SMLD MANAGER: John Kilgo, Jr.

MINUTES: Sandy Pellecchia

ATTENDEES: Mr. George Pape
69 Redemption Rock Trail
Sterling, MA 01564

Nancy Perry
33 Newell Hill Road
Sterling, MA 01564

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Williams makes a motion to approve the Tuesday, September 30, 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 the Tuesday, August 26, 2008 regular session Sterling Municipal Light Department Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by Coughlin. Role call: Coughlin, aye. Williams, aye. Sheppard, abstains. Approved by the Board.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

George Pape (Pape) notes considerable time was spent to put together the SMLD Web site. He inquires will the SMLD put the minutes to board meetings on the SMLD Web site or on the Town Web site like all other Town Departments are attempting to do?

John Kilgo (Kilgo) states that there is a blanket agenda available on the SMLD Web site right now. He adds that minutes would be made available if a customer asked.

Williams offers in the interest of all those trying to review minutes, that the SMLD should make them available to the community via the SMLD Web site. He would like to make a motion to have the SMLD post the SMLD Light Board regular session meeting minutes to the SMLD Web site after approval within a reasonable time frame. The motion is seconded by Sheppard. Role call: Coughlin, aye. Williams, aye. Sheppard, aye. Approved by the Board.

Sheppard has a comment as a customer. He notes Arthur Coughlin's reply to Mr. Paul Emerald's (7 Woodside Drive, Sterling, MA 01564) editorial in the Meetinghouse News. He appreciates Coughlin's article and thanks him. Kilgo offers that he met with Mr. Emerald and had a good discussion with him. They even spoke of the Kill-A-Watt energy usage monitors.

Williams asks given the early-payment discount, what is not included? Kilgo answers the PPA and the TAC.

Nancy Perry (Perry) inquired about an approximately 600 kWh bill having a PPA that was about \$25.00. She compared her bill to Pape's and thought his PPA charge was lower, but found it was not. She erroneously thought that PPA was higher the less you use. This is not the case.

Pape noted that on his last bill he used about 2/3 of the electricity that he had been using. He inquired, was this bill estimated? Kilgo asked if the top of the bill noted that it was estimated? It would be noted so if it were an estimated bill.

There was talk about an off-peak rate and Kilgo explained the penalty part of the rate. He advises to watch the 550 kWh limitation on kWh before the penalty part of the rate kicks in.

FINANCIALS

Kilgo states that the YTD kWhs are flat in August and we are down about 8%; however, the dollars are up. And, this was the lowest August degree-days we have had since 2000. Kilgo notes that we are holding our own. In September, Kilgo anticipates the same reaction. The average system load factor is holding strong at 66%, which is good.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kilgo notes the big Seabrook outage earlier this year and that Millstone is going down for repair and Stonybrook will be out all fall. The SMLD is taking a big hit on energy costs given that these things are all happening within the same year.

Kilgo notes a five (5) year fixed price that the SMLD has with the new hydro (Methuen Hydro). The SMLD will begin to buy from Methuen in October 2008.

MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board goes into Executive Session as of 5:27 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returns to open session at 7:17 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The October 2008 board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Sheppard may have time constraints and would appreciate his Board packet early.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Williams makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Coughlin seconds the motion. All in favor? Coughlin, aye. Williams, aye. Sheppard, aye. Approved by the Board. The meeting is adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

Arthur J. Coughlin, Sr., Clerk

DATE:
