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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2025**

Action Items:

None

The public meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner- Phil Gott, General Manager- Sean McKeon, General Foreman- Chris Courville, Ashley Reddy, and Karen Mammone

Zoom: Commissioner- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Richard Chase, and John Zimmatore (Environmental Action Committee)

Agenda:

The Board unanimously approved (3-0) the agenda written on March 13, 2025.

Meeting Minutes:

The Board voted unanimously approved (3-0) to accept the minutes as amended for February 20, 2025, with a change as follows:

- ***Revision 2-Commissioner Gott would like the complete sentence added to revision 1: "The board agreed to allocate \$8,000 to develop a 6 to 8-car parking lot or assist the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) with any other need for the funds. This allocation would fulfill our original agreement with the DCR made when the wind turbines were installed, which included provisions for the right-of-way road to access the turbines." The board unanimously approved Commissioner Gott's request. (3-0) (March meeting)***
- Mr. McKeon received information from MMWEC and shared with the Commissioners a Vehicle Census showing batteries and EV chargers. The link is below:
<https://geodot-homepage-massdot.hub.arcgis.com/pages/massvehiclecensus>

Commissioner Chase would like the sentence to read, "Mr. McKeon received information from MMWEC and shared with the Commissioners a Vehicle Census showing Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) and (PHEV) Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles", replacing batteries and chargers.

General Manager's Report:

Current Bank Balances-

The Board reviewed the bank account balance report dated March 13, 2025. A copy will be placed on file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

2025 Cashflow Budget Review-

Mr. McKeon presented the board with a copy of the 2025 budget details dated March 11, 2025. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures were for January, with a target of 8.33%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 10.63% and expenses were 7.51%.

Update on Operations:

- **MMWEC Battery Storage Project-(Delorean/Lightshift)**

Jason Viadero from Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) and Felicia from National Grid are planning a virtual meeting with their teams for this project.

Mr. McKeon spoke with Mr. Stelmach from Sterling and Mr. Tupper from Holden at the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts (MEAM) meeting held on March 12, 2025. Mr. Stelmach is still waiting for the load study report, and Mr. Tupper mentioned he is very interested in the interconnection with Princeton if it doesn't work out with Sterling.

Princeton applied as a group with Paxton, Templeton, Ashburnham, and a few other utilities through MMWEC for a \$10 million Rural Community Grant.

- **Storm Resolution-**

Approximately six customers were still without power when the Linemen left after working more than 16 hours. The remaining customer's power was restored the following day.

Mr. McKeon thanked Lineman Brian Pellerin for arriving early before the storm to prepare all the trucks for the impending ice storm.

Updates on Facebook & Website-

There are no reports this month.

New Business/Parking Lot-

Mr. McKeon and the board discussed donating PMLD's oldest truck to the town for the use of the Police and Fire Departments to share. The board approved donating the truck before the start of the town's new fiscal year.

Commissioner Gott told the board that the original budget for the paving of Westminster Road was over \$1 million, and the bid came in at \$700,000, allowing the town to handle the preparation work for a 5-car parking area on the north side of Westminster Road. If PMLD can pay the \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 for the paving, it may relieve us of our obligation to the DCR. He will speak with Ms. Denise Montgomery from DCR to see if this will satisfy PMLD's obligation. If she agrees, he will have Ms. Montgomery sign off, stating our obligation has been fulfilled.

The auditors would like to present their findings on Thursday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m. They are unable to attend the board meeting, which is usually scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month. The board agreed to move the meeting.

Public Comments-

No comments

At 3:51 p.m., the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mammone

Recording Secretary