

# **Board of Light Commissioners**

## **Public-Zoom Meeting**

### **February 17, 2026**

**168 Worcester Rd, Princeton, MA**

#### **Action Items:**

- Mr. McKeon will review the wind farm's generation and wind credit on the light bills.
- Mr. Austin will investigate the loads for East Princeton.
- Mr. McKeon will contact MMWEC regarding a new cluster group for PMLD to join.
- Mr. McKeon will gather information on the vehicle-to-grid chargers.
- Mr. Austin will contact O'Connor Corporation concerning filter debris analysis.
- Commissioner Gott will consult with Town Hall to add to the wire inspector's checklist that PMLD should be contacted when a battery system is installed.

#### **Present:**

Rick Rys, Richard Chase, Phil Gott, Sean McKeon, Jack Austin, Ashley Reddy, and Karen Mammone

#### **Zoom:**

John Zimmatore

#### **Meeting Called to Order at 3:03 PM**

Commissioner Rys made a motion to call the meeting to order.

Commissioner Gott- 2nd

Commissioner Chase- aye

## **Review and Approve Agenda for Public Meeting February 17, 2026**

Commissioner Rys made a motion to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Gott- 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commissioner Chase-aye

The agenda was approved (3-0) as written.

## **Review and Approve Public Minutes January 13, 2026**

Minutes approved (2-0) as written

Commissioner Chase abstained from voting as he missed the January 13th board meeting.

### **General Manager's Report:**

- **Current Bank Balances**

The Board reviewed the bank account balance report dated February 17, 2026. A copy will be placed in the 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 February 16, 2026. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures for January through December 2025, with a target of 100.00%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 103.10% and expenses were 92.98%.

### **Update on Operations:**

- **Recent Activities/Maintenance/Planned Outages**

Please refer to the attached sheet for highlights of completed and scheduled work from January 14, 2026, to February 17, 2026.

The board discussed the solar installation for the new public safety building.

Mr. Austin addressed the sizes of fuses and transformers, particularly during cold weather.

- **MMWEC/Lightshift Battery Storage Project**

No updates are currently available on this project. MMWEC is still awaiting a new cluster group to join so that the project can progress. Mr. McKeon will reach out to gather information on new cluster groups.

The battery project incentives are still available. The ISO study is complete, making connecting with Holden a quicker option than waiting for a new cluster group for the National Grid connection.

National Grid informed Mr. McKeon in writing that there would be no charges for the substation upgrade unless substantial load growth occurs.

- **Holden Interconnect**

Mr. Tupper reached out to Mr. McKeon to request more information regarding Energy New England. Mr. Tupper is currently assessing how the interconnection load will benefit the town and determining the timeline for this project.

Additionally, the board discussed federal solar tax incentives available for commercial utility-scale projects. To qualify for these incentives, businesses must meet specific criteria by the end of July 2026.

## **Updates on Facebook & Website**

No discussion on updates.

## **New Business/Parking Lot Items**

Commissioner Chase requested a report from Mr. McKeon on the turbine performance during cold weather. The report covered the period from January 1, 2026, to February 16, 2026, detailing the effects of cold weather on the turbines. The turbines are affected by the thickened oil due to the cold weather and the warm-up process.

Commissioner Chase read an article about a company that performs oil and filter debris analysis on turbines. PMLD turbines have their oil tested biannually and undergo vibration analysis as part of their maintenance.

Commissioner Chase discussed findings related to vehicle-to-grid, vehicle-to-load, EV-to-load, plug-in solar, and home thermal inspections.

Commissioner Gott inquired if PMLD had a municipal solar rate. Currently, PMLD does not have such a rate. This topic will be discussed in upcoming meetings.

## **Public Comments**

No public comments.

Commissioner Rys made a motion to adjourn the public session at 4:29 PM.

Commissioner Gott- 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commissioner Chase- aye

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mammone

Recording Secretary