

Minutes of April 20<sup>th</sup> 2011

Meeting of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant Board

Present Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Mark Carlisle and Kevin Lashua

Stan Herriott Manager

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ahlin (Chairman) at 2:05 P.M.

Commissioner Carlisle was present. Commissioner Lashua arrival was delayed.

The meeting was to be conducted mostly in Executive Session. Due to the discussions of trade secrets related to power supply costs with potential solar providers who are listed in the grid below.

Brian Kopperl Renewable Energy Massachusetts LLC	2:00 P.M. April 20, 2011
Geoff Evancic Crest Line Development	3:30 P.M. April 20, 2011
Kevin Soucy Great Northern Electric, LLC.	5:00 P.M. April 20, 2011
Nicola Doss Axio Power, Inc.	6:30 P.M. April 20, 2011

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlisle to enter into Executive Session at 2:05 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ahlin. There was a roll call vote taken.

Commissioner Ahlin           “Aye”

Commissioner Carlisle       “Aye”

Commissioner Lashua arrived at 2:15 P.M.

The Meeting reconvened in open session at 4:00 P.M.

The Commissioners pointed out that the Minutes listed on the agenda were not the correct date. It was not the Minutes from February 16, 2011 but the Minutes of March 23, 2011 that needed to be approved.

After reviewing the Minutes from March 23, 2011 a motion was made by Commissioner Lashua and seconded by Commissioner Carlisle to approve the Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

Manager Herriott reviewed the budget through the month of March. Receipts totaled \$454,391.00 expenses totaled \$368,213.00. Manager Herriott also reviewed the cash accounts statements and their current balances.

Manager Herriott presented the paper work necessary to change the voting representative at MMWEC to include Mark Carlisle. Commissioner Carlisle signed the required document.

Manager Herriott gave the Commissioners the latest assessment the town would like us to pay. After reviewing the assessment the Commissioners told Manager Herriott that prior to any payments made to the town he should request a meeting with the Town Administrator and the Selectmen to discuss any further assessments from the town. The Commissioners suggested that this be done as part of our next scheduled Light Board Meeting. Manager Herriott said he would make this request.

The Commissioners took under consideration the vote to once again pay the P.I.L.O.T. payment of \$40,000.00 to the Town. The Commissioners and Manager Herriott are frustrated with the town consistently, without any discussion with the Light Plant, attempting to increase support payments. Manager Herriott stated that this is the same thing as taxation without representation. Every extra dollar that the Light Plant gives the town seems to come out of the pockets of the rate payers. After a great deal of consideration the Commissioners did bring the P.I.L.O.T. payments to a vote. The motion was made by Commissioner Lashua and seconded by Commissioner Carlisle. Chairman Ahlin called for the vote and it was unanimous.

Manager Herriott presented the Terms and Conditions for a change that would be consistent with our information on the back of our bills. Under section (Discontinuance of Service # 4) the

time was changed from 3:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. The Commissioners agreed with the change and signed the amended Terms and Conditions.

Manager expenses were reviewed and approved for \$69.80.

Manager Herriott brought to the Commissioners several general issues:

- Bulk Power Cost Projections 2011-2012
- The Managers Bond had been renewed
- The Proposed tax being considered in Connecticut on the Millstone Nuclear Plant, which if passed would add over \$59,000.00 to the cost of the power Ashburnham receives from that project.
- The NEPPA annual Conference is to be held in August. Manager Herriott asked the Commissioners if they would like to attend.

The hour had arrived for our next presenter. The Commissioners again made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:00 P.M. The motion was made by Commissioner Lashua and seconded by Commissioner Carlisle. A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Ahlin           “Aye”

Commissioner Lashua       “Aye”

Commissioner Carlisle      “Aye”

The next meeting is to be held Wednesday May 18, 2011 at 24 Williams Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ahlin and seconded by Commissioner Lashua to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Carlisle,  
Secretary