

**MINUTES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD  
JULY 21, 2014**

**PURSUANT TO** notice given the Wellesley Municipal Light Board ("Board") met in the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant ("MLP") Gordon F. Kingsley Board Room, 4 Municipal Way, at 5:30 PM.

**PRESENT**

Those present included Chair Katharine Gibson, Commissioners David A. T. Donohue, Owen H. Dugan and Edward J. Stewart, III; Municipal Light Plant Director Richard F. Joyce and staff members Joseph A. Bisol, Kevin P. Bracken, Michael Coppellotti, Trevor P. Criswell, Debra J. Healy, Cynthia R. Lowe, William H. Marsh, Suzanne M. Newark, Kevin M. Sullivan, Daniel J. Trant and James W. Verner.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Dugan and seconded by Mr. Stewart, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the June 26, 2014 Public Session Minutes as written.

**CITIZEN SPEAK**

The Chairman presented all of those in attendance with the opportunity to speak on matters of interest with respect to the MLP. No one in attendance wished to speak.

Ms. Gibson introduced Kevin M. Sullivan as the MLP Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Sullivan provided the Board with a brief summary of his work experience at NStar and the Reading Municipal Light Department.

**DIRECTOR'S ITEMS**

**Financial Statements.** The Board received an update from Accounting Supervisor Joseph A. Bisol on the financial results for May and Fiscal Year 2014 ("FY14"). The MLP's year-to-date Net Income of \$626,000 is well below the prior year's income of \$2,335,000. The primary contributing factors were the 5% rate decrease and major increases in transmission and energy costs. Mr. Bisol projected FY14 Net Income to be \$100,000 below the MLP's adjusted target of \$1,000,000. Mr. Stewart asked what events were responsible for the shortfall. The Director stated June 2014 spot market prices exceeded \$100/megawatt-hour ("MWH") compared to \$64/MWH last June and transmission costs were \$37,000 higher due to ISO-New England approved rate increases.

**Five-Year Financial Forecast ("Forecast").** Energy Services and Planning Manager, Trevor P. Criswell reviewed the preliminary Forecast for the period 2015 - 2019. Mr. Criswell is waiting for year-end FY14 financial results and final energy cost projections for the remaining open position. The staff expects to present a final Forecast at the September Board Meeting. The preliminary Forecast includes a projected rate increase of 5% in November 2014 and an additional 1%/per month from December 2014 through June 2015. Mr. Donohue asked how the MLP estimated energy costs through 2019. Mr. Trevor Criswell explained the process and the

- Confirm funding schedule that eliminates the MLP's liability in Fiscal Year 2022;
- Verify the MLP's \$1,900,000 payments from 2007 - 2013 have been allocated correctly; and
- Verify list of active and retired employees.

After a thorough analysis the Board and staff concluded the OPEB funding schedule and projected liability were accurate. The Board asked that the staff provide an update once Segal completes their June 2014 Valuation.

**Miscellaneous.** The Director briefly reviewed the progress made with DAS; the telephone installation and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative legislation.

**Next meeting.** The Board tentatively scheduled the next Board Meeting for 5:30 PM on Monday, September 22, 2014.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul L. Criswell, Secretary