

**MINUTES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD  
May 31, 2023**

**PURSUANT TO** notice given, the Wellesley Municipal Light Board (“Board”) held a duly posted open online remote meeting beginning at 5:05 PM.

**REMOTE PARTICIPANTS**

Those Commissioners participating included Chair Paul L. Criswell, Ellen L. Korpi, Scott Bender, Edward Hall, Jeffrey Wechsler and Advisory Liaison, Neal Goins  
Staff participating were, MLP Director Donald H. Newell, Joanne M. Scannell, Daniel Fortin, Terry Connolly, Lisa Wolf and Cindy Lowe.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bender, and seconded by Ms. Korpi, the approval of minutes from the April 26, 2023 MLB meeting was approved.

**VOTED:** To approve the April 26, 2023 Minutes as presented.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bender, and seconded by Ms. Korpi, the approval of minutes from the April 26, 2023 Executive Session MLB meeting was approved.

**VOTED:** To approve the April 26, 2023 Executive Session Minutes as presented.

**CITIZEN SPEAK**

The Chair presented all of those in attendance with the opportunity to speak on matters of interest with respect to the MLP. No citizens spoke.

**DIRECTOR’S ITEMS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEW.** The Director reviewed the Municipal Light Plant’s March 2023 financial results and the year-to-date Fiscal Year 2023 financial statements and responded to questions from members of the MLP.

**15KV RATED, DEAD-FRONT, SOLID DIELECTRIC, SIX-WAY PADMOUNTED SWITCHGEAR.** In accordance with Bid Specification 23E-80-199 15kV Rated, Dead-Front, Solid Dielectric, Six-Way Pad mounted Switchgear the staff recommends that it be awarded to the lowest conforming bidder, upon a motion made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Bender, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:** To authorize the MLP Staff to enter into an agreement to purchase from G&W Electric Company two (2) 15kV Rated, Dead-Front, Solid Dielectric Six-Way Pad-mounted Switchgear for a total of \$704,158.00.

**SINGLE-PHASE POLE MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS.** In accordance with Bid Specification 23E-80-203 Single-Phase Pole Mounted Transformers the staff recommends that it be awarded to Power Sales Group for Howard Transformers as the conforming bidder with the lowest TOC and shortest lead-time for items 1 and 2. Upon a motion made by Ms. Korpi and seconded by Mr. Bender, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:** To authorize the MLP Staff to enter into an agreement to purchase from Howard Industries Inc. items 1 and 2, 32 Single-Phase Pole Mounted Transformer for a total of \$315,184.00.

**BESS LETTER.** The Director presented a letter from a concerned resident regarding the safety and fire hazards of a Battery Energy Storage System along with his response to the concerns. The MLB discussed the satisfaction of the response to the resident.

**SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE.** Ms. Lisa Wolf updated the board on the various sustainability initiatives of the MLP and answered specific questions on the initiatives. An update on the AMI project with given to the MLB by the Director.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Criswell requested a meeting in Executive Session to discuss the solar opportunity at Park 9, an update on BESS Program and an update on the reorganization. Mr. Wechsler polled each individual member. Each Board Member answered in the affirmative and the Board entered Executive Session at 6:45 PM.

Mr. Criswell requested the meeting return to Open Session. Mr. Wechsler polled each member. Each member answered in the affirmative and the Board entered back into Open Session at 7:20pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

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*Jeffrey Wechsler*  
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Wechsler, Secretary

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**PURSUANT TO** notice given, the Wellesley Municipal Light Board (“Board”) held a duly posted Executive Session meeting beginning at 6:45 PM.

**UPDATE OF SOLAR OPPORTUNITY AT PARK 9.** The Director updated and reviewed with the MLB the timeline for the completion of the negotiations for the final terms and conditions of the agreement.

**UPDATE ON BESS PILOT NEGOTIATION:** The Director updated the MLB on status of the BESS Project and status of the agreement for the location of the battery.

**DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION.** The Director provided a brief update on progress of Department reorganization and updated the MLB on the status of the search for the Assistant Directors position.

Mr. Criswell requested the meeting return to Open Session. Mr. Wechsler polled each member. Each member answered in the affirmative and the Board entered back into Open Session at 7:20pm.

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