

Hull Municipal Light Plant Board Meeting Held August 17th, 2023

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Next meetings Sept 14, 2023.

Attendees: Pat Cannon, Jake Vaillancourt, Stephanie-Landry, Mike Schmitt, Panos Tokadjian, Thomas Burns, Dan Ciccariello, Anne Finley, Jennifer Constable

Next meetings Sept 14, ~~Oct 30~~ 10/19/23 , 11/30/23

A rep from Spinnaker Island appeared before the light board, expressing concern over transformers on the island that are in poor condition. He feels that it is the duty of Hull's MLP to maintain this infrastructure. Previous research indicates there is no easement, so we own the physical transformers only, and everything else is their property and their responsibility to maintain. Jen Constable is going to check with the town's attorney on this matter.

Panos contacted our vendor for the temporary winter backup generators, which are only necessary because of National Grid's continued failure to properly maintain our feeder lines. They will likely have the units here just before Thanksgiving so everything will be connected and ready by or before December 1, 2023. Last year, our winter peak crossed 10 megawatts, so this season, we chose to have six generators, and last season we only had five generators.

The attorney for Hull Wind I has submitted draft language to put out bid out the decommissioning work.

Anne Finley is the project manager of our customer service software upgrade and adoption of newer billing technology. The first part of the transition will start January 2024, fully launched by the summer of 2024. About 10% of our ratepayers pay automatically with ACH every month right now.

We have raised \$2,250 in five business days for holiday lighting. Local businesses are sponsoring. Anne Finley is managing this. We plan to decorate 37 this coming holiday season. Wreaths for Kenbemra, and holiday lighting near the library, too. Typically, we would budget \$4,500.

Some discussion was had on the possibility of selling gift cards that recipients could apply to their electric bills.

Jake Vaillancourt made the motion to adjourn, Stephanie Landry seconded, and all approved.