

Hull Light Board Meeting Held April 15, 2021

Participants: Phil Lemnios, Mike Schmitt, Panos Tokadjian, Pat Cannon, Daniel Ciccariello, Tom Burns, Jacob Vaillancourt, Stephanie Landry, Max Horn, Peter Brady

Stephanie Landry joined the light board in 2005. Award for her service was presented.

MMWEC could not present tonight, they will present in our next meeting June 10, 2021

Project 2015A will be discussed in our next meeting. Holyoke has petitioned to exit that project.

The temporary generators have been removed. The infrastructure is still there.

Panos and Mike have begun updating our website and plan to continue to do so. Community members have been inquiring about the status of the two wind turbines in town.

Hull wind I is now 21 years old, the unit is not manufactured anymore. As some of the larger components fail the ability to get replacement parts decreases. There is a person with a wind turbine junkyard in upstate New York. Panos was looking for a gearbox. The only thing he had was a full nacelle for \$100,000 with no guarantee of a functioning gear box. We are anticipating that we may need a new gearbox in the near future.

Vaillancourt made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from March 18, 2021. Max Horn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The downtown holiday lighting plan / scheme was mentioned. Hull light trimmed trees last year and it was determined that they were over trimmed and some are now dead. They will be replaced at Hull light's cost.

Balanced billing was mentioned, it should be placed on the agenda for an August 2021 discussion. Panos and Mike will review what other light departments offer balanced billing and what the standard policies are.

Max Horn announced that he will not be running for reelection. He cautioned that when voting for rate changes about two thirds of the cost of doing business is in our power contracts. If you raise rates, it is unlikely that they will ever come down, he recommends a special assessment on the temporary generators, is optimistic on the smart meters, hoping for peak rates. Horn suggested staying in project 2015A may be an embarrassment for Hull and a blemish on our environmental progress.

Max Horn made motion to adjourn, and Tom Burns seconded.