

Hull Light Board Meeting Held Jan 21, 2021

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

Considerable time was provided for members to discuss items not on the agenda. In late 2020 there were tree trimming services performed. What does the tree cutting contract cost us? The crew is \$1,300 per day. The overall cost was about \$27,000 in 2020. They are trimming on a five year schedule.

Phil: We ought to seriously consider changing our policy such that underground utilities and transformers when requested by a customer, are paid for by the individual customer. All of the costs associated with the installation to date are paid for by the developer, not the light plant.

AMI Meter swap, to date we have installed 1,766 smart meters and have 6,228 total to install, we are 28.4% complete on smart meter upgrades.

We lost Chris our meter tech to a neighboring light plant. That has slowed down the process. Vestas was in town the last few days servicing both Hull wind I and II. We have a project going on for the new service at 163 Nantasket ave. which involves removing two poles on park ave.

Items under old business:

Pat is curious about the owned generator project and the possibility of a permanent generator facility.

Phil: We looked at housing a generator at the landfill. It is looking increasingly like that is just not possible. We are looking at some other physical locations for now.

Dan Ciccariello: Some type of input from MWEC about the rates? Phil stated this is in progress. Panos has them tentatively scheduled in February to talk through the generator project cost impacts.

Notes for appreciation were sent out in appreciation for Stephanie (former MLP Board member).

Wire calls are frequent, in the last week we had responded to about five calls and each one costs us about \$700 per call and most of them are usually for non-electrical wires. There is a question of can we back charge the company whose line is down? We are looking into this. Our current rate is \$6.60 per pole per year as an attachment fee charged to comcast. Has been a long time since this rate has been changed.

Jacob Vaillancourt presented a case for the creation of a written decision making framework with the assistance of MWEC.