

January 20, 2022 meeting began at 6:30 PM held online virtually.

Hull MLP board meeting minutes

Attendees: Pat Cannon, Jake Vaillancourt, Stephanie Landry, Mike Schmitt, Dan Ciccariello, Panos Tokadjian

Noteworthy comments:

Opened up the meeting at 6:32 PM EST.

Susan Short Green asking what is the procedure to get our meeting minutes.

11 or 12 rate payers opted out of smart meters. Susan Short Green suggested that we add paperwork to indicate that rate payers have the option to opt out of the program.

Operations managers' report: Potential of putting a peak shaving battery project in town. He expects to have a proposal in town and whether it would work for the rate payers. He hopes to have the proposal in March or April. Sterling has a peak shaving battery, Hingham has one, some other MLP's also have this technology. A 2-3 megawatt battery is about the size of a tractor trailer. Panos has toured the Sterling unit a few years ago. The life expectancy of the batteries are 15 to 20 years. Performance degrades after 10 years.

On the issue of National Grid, and our feeder lines have they done any significant maintenance? They received permission from Hingham to take down about 700 trees, but we do not know what the status of that activity is. There is no infrastructure replacement (same wire and poles).

It was discussed that many people in town appreciated the holiday lights displayed this winter. Typically we agree to spend about \$4,500 per year on Holiday lighting.

Under old business:

The bill printing company and the software company have been working together to enable us to offer balanced billing. Panos thinks that there is a chance we will change bill printing companies, but we will give them a few more weeks to try to solve this problem.

No updates on the marina. No updates on the potential of switching from MMWEC to ENE.

Under new business:

It was discussed that the extanet units are all metered and all billed out, therefore ratepayers are not paying for any of their unit's electrical consumption.

There are two dozen meters left to replace with smart meters to complete that project.

For ratepayers general information, the residential rate comparison, we are currently at an average of \$0.162/kwh, and at national grid it is at \$0.22/kwh, and Peabody is at about \$0.10/kwh.

Question about 'code red' raised. It is an annual figure.

David Irwin asked how many hours would the 2015A projected peaker plant run, we were told 239 hours per year is the expectation. He also asked how much money we have invested in this plant, it is about \$800,000.00

It was discussed that we will have a presentation from the applied economics clinic, clean energy group, and Strategen consulting in next month's meeting.

Our MLP's webpage is maintained by the town, and they would be the ones who should be posting our minutes on our website.

Vaillancourt suggested that a quarterly letter form the board or desk of the manager be distributed in the bills to drive stakeholder engagement and transparency.

Dan made a motion to request the light board manager to send a project 2015A fact sheet out and to be distributed in the next biller, Stephanie seconded it, and it was approved unanimously.

Susan Short Green asked if Hull Municipal Light Plant has a mission statement? She also asked who hired Patrick engineering. Panos said he hired Patrick engineering, and that they are doing mapping for us and have nothing to do with extanet.

Pat Cannon stated that our mission are to one, set rates, two, advise management on policy, part of that is to supply reliable reasonable cost power. It comes down to management to make the decisions.

Vaillancourt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ciccariello, motion passed unanimously.