

Groveland Municipal Light Department  
Minutes of Meeting  
April 14, 2021

TOWN OF GROVELAND  
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Present: S. LaBelle (SL), M. Cloutier (MC), K. Snow (KS)

**Time Started: 3:40pm**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all present.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

- **Motion to approve by SL**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> by MC**
- **All in Favor.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion to approve by SL**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> by MC**
- **All in Favor.**

**Approval of Minutes of 12/10/2020**

- **Motion to approve by SL**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> by MC**
- **All in Favor.**

**Resignation of Commissioner Cross**

KS – Noted the resignation of long-time Commissioner Kermit Cross to the board. Felt that we should do something to honor his long serving commitment to GMLD. Proposed naming the building at 944 Salem Street the “Cross Operations Center” and memorializing it with a bronze plaque outside.

MC – Agreed, should we invite Sen. Tarr and Rep. Mirra to a naming ceremony?

KS – Didn’t think we needed to go to that extent

MC- A proclamation by the Sen. and Rep. then?

SL – Not sure if that is something that Mr. Cross would want; suggested that we do that as a group, possibly before a meeting and invite Mr Cross and the staff to attend the naming

**MC- Motion to name the building at 944 Salem Street as the “Cross Operations Center”**

**SL – 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**All in Favor**

SL – Wished to thank Mr. Cross for his years of service and dedication to the Groveland Municipal Light Department

**Discussion of 2020/2021 Financials**

KS- Presented the Commission with a breakdown of the financial results for 2020. GMLD ended up with Positive income and a Positive Operating Cash position.

KS – Presented the Commission with the January 2021 Financial Details, highlighting the fact that though there was negative income it was due to losses in interest income.

MC – Mentioned that there is also a YTD and Monthly Variance Report

KS – Aware of those reports and reviews them as the monthly financials are completed.

MC – Liked GMLD's positive cash position

KS – Discussed GMLD's current situation with accounts in arrears and stated that the collection figures are similar to the month preceding shut-offs in 2020 and 2019. KS further detailed GMLD's plan to commence with Residential shut-offs in mid-May. The plan is to open early in the morning and keep the office open until 7pm on 2 consecutive days when shut-offs commence. Customers wishing to make a payment plan will be able to schedule a time to come to the lobby.

SL – Was impressed that we already had a detailed plan in place to handle this

MC- Agreed

#### **Discussion of 2021 PILOT Payment**

KS – The TofG's Interim Finance Director had reached out regarding the PILOT Payment for budgetary purposes. In 2020 the Commission had agreed to raise the PILOT to \$40k, to be reviewed the following year. The Finance Director was seeking guidance as to what the payment would be. KS explained that GMLD had not yet made a payment yet this year, and that we were due to. KS also explained that his understanding was that this payment would be used towards the TofG's FY2021, and that it appeared that the Finance Director was seeking a figure for the TofG's FY22 Budget.

**MC – Motion to make a PILOT Payment to the Town of Groveland in the amount of \$40,000.00 for GMLD Calendar Year 2021.**

SL – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**All in Favor**

MC – At this time the Commission cannot guarantee a PILOT Payment amount for an appropriation next year, though the intent is not to decrease from the \$40k

#### **Discussion of GMLD COVID Protocols**

KS – Presented Commission with the latest update to our COVID Protocols

#### **Hiring of New Lineworker**

KS- Presented Commission with copy of the advertisement seeking applicants for a Lineworker position. KS wishes to bring a new Lineworker into the company to hedge against looming retirements in the coming years so that we have an adequate, trained workforce in place.

SL – Is there adequate interest in the position?

KS – Believes there is more than sufficient interest, from applicants on either end of the advertisement's spectrum, and that the most important part of this hire is getting a candidate with the right attitude.

MC- Agrees with the belief that GMLD should get plenty of applications for this position

KS – Is hoping to hire with an anticipated start-date of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **General Managers Review**

KS – Presented the board with a spreadsheet showing the base salaries of MLP General Managers of the same size as Groveland

SL – Remarked that KS had been doing an excellent job in his opinion in dealing with the challenges faced by General Managers – staffing, COVID, projects, finances, and would like to see it continue. SL's biggest critique was that KS tends to be overly hard on himself when it comes to job performance.

MC – Agreed with SL’s assessment

Commissioners and KS agreed to table further discussion on the review for the evening

**Manager’s Report:**

KS – Discussed various projects that the Linecrew has been working on: Cannon Hill Ave is complete/poles pulled. Baldwin and Coleman Rd’s are both complete, awaiting Comcast and Verizon transfers. Gardner, Garrison and Rollins have been marked out for pole replacements; Rollins is being prepped for installation of new conductor in June/July. Private projects at various locations in town have been planned and prepped depending on their status.

KS – Notified the Commission that Bill S-9 had been signed by the Governor, and that starting in 2030 MLP’s would need to meet certain benchmark percentages in electricity purchases from non-emitting sources.

SL – Asked how GMLD was doing in that regard

KS – Pointed out that we are well on our way towards meeting those goals and have multiple projects that would qualify to receive credit in our portfolio

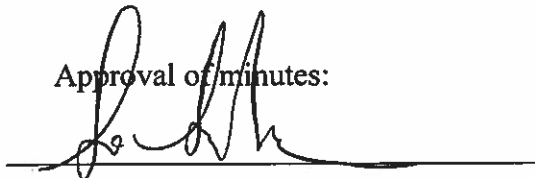
KS – Discussed the possible creation of a Municipal Co-Op together with the Littleton and Middleton Light Departments. GM’s from the 3 utilities have had discussions about how this could be mutually beneficial to their respective utilities through the sharing of resources such as engineering and rebate personnel. The Co-Op would create a framework for future expansion if the utilities felt it warranted further exploration.

SL – Agreed to allow KS to cautiously continue looking into its creation

**Motion to Adjourn**

- **Motion to Adjourn by SL**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> by MC**
- **All in Favor**
- **Meeting Adjourned at 5:56pm**

Approval of minutes:



Date:

