

Groveland Municipal Light Department
Minutes of Meeting
October 17, 2017

Present: K. Cross, S. LaBelle, S. Daniels, K. Snow and M. Croteau

Time Started: 4:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all present.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Motion to approve by S. LaBelle.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in Favor.

Approval of Warrants:

- Motion to approve by S. LaBelle.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in Favor.

Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2017:

- Motion to approve by S. Daniels.
- 2nd by S. LaBelle.
- All in Favor.

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- K. Snow informed the commissioner's about Cammett Engineering was marking out the tree clearance boundary. Ron has spoken to Valley Tree in regards to having it cleared for the detention pond. All tenants have been notified via a letter and must move vehicles, containers and dumpsters to make way for paving.

MA Clean Energy Standard and its possible effect on GELD:

- K. Snow explained that in August of 2017 the Clean Energy Standards (CES) set of regulations were implemented in Massachusetts with the goal of reducing GHG emissions created by the burning of fossil fuels to produce electricity. (These percentages at 16% in 2018, and escalate by 2% a year, eventually peaking at 80% in 2050.) Through MEAM municipals light departments fought to keep themselves exempt from regulations, and initially succeeded. Most municipals, including GELD, already exceed the proposed required level of participation. GELD is at 29.5% and K. Snow added today another 1.3% as part of the Canton WIND Project. However, had municipals been included it would have set the dangerous precedent that MassDEP could regulate municipal power companies, which MEAM contends goes against the reasoning for which MLP'S were created. MLP's are all about local control, with Light Commissioner's helping to craft each department into a unique reflection of their respective communities. However, it appears that MassDEP is again looking to find a way to place MLP's under the umbrella of the CES. K. Snow took part in a meeting with other GM's from surrounding municipals to discuss strategies to protect MLP's from regulation by the DEP. We sat down with Sen. Bruce Tarr and discussed how our respective MLP'S were meeting or exceeding the proposed CES. What we came up with in talking with Sen. Tarr was the proposal to craft legislation that would set a minimum standard for participation of MLP's in regards to the purchase of power from non-emitting (GHG) producers. It is still in its infancy, but Sen Tarr is a proponent of the idea, and would help guide and possibly even sponsor the bill.

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- K. Snow is also looking into buying energy offering by NextEra, regarding capacity and power availability being offered as part of Seabrook in New Hampshire. As a nuclear Facility, it is non GHG emitting, and would, if our proposed legislation is crafted as we would like, qualify as a Clean Energy supplier.

LED Streetlight Installation:

- K. Snow informs the commissioners that all street lights have been completely installed.
- K. Snow mentions that the department has had few complaints. Four to be exact. The complaints are mainly because lights are set very close to the house do to where the poles are and light is hitting customers houses. K. Snow is planning on sending out a crew at night sometime before Halloween to look at lights and adjust them where needed.

Florida Hurricane Restoration:

- K. Snow gave a recap on W. Klosowski and K. Rhudick responding to the request of Mutual Aid to assist in restoring power to Florida residents in the wake of the recent hurricane. The crew was gone between September 10th – 22nd. They helped restore power to residents in New Smyrna Beach, Bartow and Lakeland, Florida. GELD billed out a total of \$45,457.00 to the three municipal utilities that requested aid and will be re-imbursed for all travel, stock, vehicle and personnel expenses incurred during the trip.
- S. Labelle informed all who were present that our guys did an excellent job. S. LaBelle represents Rowley Light Dept. on this Mutual Aid to Florida also.
- K. Snow informed the commissioners that W. Klosowski is now in the USVI helping with the recovery effort to restore power and the plan is to have him back at our facility by November 7th. Then our second crew, R. Saunders and K. Rhudick will go down for a three week period. If needed a third crew, possibly J. Kelley and I will go if needed.
- Per K. Snow GELD will be making money on our vehicle.

Other:

- K. Snow has informed the employees that they have contract negotiations. The three year contract will expire December 31, 2017. I would like to have the contract button up so GELD can enter the new year with rate in place.
- Per K. Snow our crews have been busy and are in the final stages of reconductoring Parker Rd. This is the final piece of the project which brought all new poles, transformers and conductors to the Parker/Carlinda/ Burke and Clark Rd areas. This was needed in order to eventually convert the voltage in this area to 7970 from 2400v. Additionally, have set all new poles on Chestnut/Union and Summer Streets for a similar project. Other projects to be done in the spring include Knox Ave and Wharf Dr. Cottles Ferry Lane was just converted to 7970 last week.
- The re-closer has been repaired and is back in service on the 13kv South Circuit after failing this past summer. K. Snow lets the commissioners know that the company CEG announced that they were going to cease operations. That being said K. Snow employed the services of UPG, United Power Group, to take over substation service and testing in the wake of CEG'S departure.
- S. Daniels wanted to know if GELD has recovered any money back from the bond yet.
- K. Snow has been in touch with the lawyers every week and a section 93 review has been filed to Philadelphia Insurance. If they do not respond to it they are liable.
- S. Daniels asked if interest was included.
- K. Snow replied that he didn't know.

Next meeting will be held on November 14th at 4:00 p.m.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by S. LaBelle at 4:44p.m.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in favor.

Approval of minutes:

Date:

K. K. Cross

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