

Groveland Municipal Light Department
Minutes of Meeting
April 11, 2017

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

Time Started: 4:00 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 # 17-39 & 17-41:

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

Approval of Minutes of meeting March 15, 2017:

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

Introduction of new working foreman Ronald Saunders:

- K. Snow introduces R. Saunders to the commissioners by saying he was glad to have R. Saunders on board with GELD. He came to us from MELD. K. Snow thinks he is the perfect fit for our department. R. Saunders has worked with our department on many occasions and K. Snow has also worked on relief work with him. K. Snow mentions that he has a strong work ethic and knows GELD style of work and system.
- R. Saunders wanted to thank the commissioners and K. Snow for hiring him and enforced that his number one priority is safety for the line crew.

Negotiated Health Insurance Agreement regarding Foreman's Position:

- K. Snow discovered that when hiring R. Saunders the Town's health insurance only has open enrollment every 6 months. In researching this he found that a similar situation had presented itself with the employment of Bill Jackson, a previous foreman. What K. Snow has decided is R. Saunders will pay Cobra payment and GELD will reimburse him for the charge, minus the \$195.77 per PP(\$391.54/ mo): for a total of \$1825.66/mo to GELD.
- K. Snow has to pay only two months.
- A motion was made by S. LaBelle to reimburse R. Saunders after he has paid Cobra for \$1825.66 per month minus \$391.54.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in favor.

944 Salem Street:

- K. Snow explains he is still dealing with the backlash regarding GCT and the sub-contractors demands for direct payment. He has notified Philadelphia Insurance, GCT'S policy holder, of the situation and that GELD had issued payments based on Gienapp's figures to the sub-contractors. Philadelphia Insurance response on April 10th. He is waiting on legal opinion in regards to their response. After seventy days of completion of work we are responsible to pay. Kevin will have to go after the payment bond and submit a claim against the bond.

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- Still waiting on the door lock to be fixed. The discoloration in ceiling in ladies bathroom. The front entry lighting to be finished according to K. Snow.

23 School Street: Surplus of property.

- GELD is totally vacated. It has been cleaned and with the exception of a few items the Water Department wanted.
- K. Cross read (See Attachment) a motion to Declare Surplus Property – 23 School Street, Groveland Ma.
- S. Daniels made a motion to make 23 School Street a surplus.
- 2nd by S. LaBelle.
- All in Favor.

ENE/DOER Street Light Grant Progress:

- Kevin placed an ad in the Lawrence Eagle Tribute on April 6 at the request of ENE. This allowed ENE to solicit bids for LED street lighting replacements for GELD, but get the best bid possible pricing as it will pool prices with nine other utilities. K. Snow will then be evaluating the different manufacturers and determining the cost and saving benefits. Geld will be replacing 626 lights and will be refunded approximately fifty percent of the cost of the heads based on the grant provided by Mass DOER. 25% of the energy savings is to be returned back to the town. The balance will be used to repay GELD for the amount spent on the upgrade. When the upgrade amount has been reached GELD will return one hundred percent of the energy saving back over to the town. Streetlight charges projected energy saving according to K. Snow based on GE data is 122,000 kWh at .133 / kWh equaling \$16,333.00 saving per year. The Towns share at 25% is \$4083.00 and GELD at 75% is \$12250.00 per year. The Town of Groveland will pay in FY 2015 \$37,000.00.
- K. Snow informs that samples of the lighting can be found on Main Street, King Street and Gardner Street.
- S. Daniels mentions to K. Snow that he should get spares.

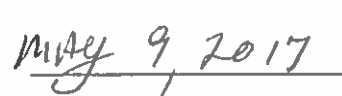
Other:

- GELD is currently working on converting Parker, Carlida and Clark Rd to 13Kv. Next will be Knox Ave.
- K. Snow mentions that he is also working with ConEd and CEG in trying to find the cause of the communications issues between the Substation and Solar Field. It drops out according to K. Snow. Geld has upgraded hardware on our end. It's about which port has to talk with each other. There squad is handling it and will be in touch soon.
- S. LaBelle asked has there been any problem with the parking situation this month.
- K. Snow hasn't heard anything but did ask a worker from Groveland Auto to move his vehicle and he did.
- Next meeting will be posted for May 9th, 2017
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by S. LaBelle at 4:30 p.m.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in favor.

Approval of minutes:



Date:





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Motion to Declare Surplus Property – 23 School Street, Groveland MA

To see if the Groveland Municipal Light Department Board of Commissioners will vote to declare the property held by the Groveland Municipal Light Department located at 23 School Street, surplus and no longer needed for Light Department purposes, and direct the General Manager to notify the Groveland Board of Selectmen of this vote.

Y ☒ N ☐


Kermit Cross, Chairman

Y ☒ N ☐


Sean LaBelle

Y ☒ N ☐


Steven Daniels



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April 12, 2017

To the Groveland Board of Selectmen:

By virtue of a unanimous vote taken on Tuesday, April 11th at our regularly scheduled Light Commission Meeting I have been instructed to inform you that the property located at 23 School Street, formerly used as the Groveland Municipal Light Department Operations Center, has been declared surplus and is being transferred to the Board of Selectmen for disposition. The building and grounds are now empty and building has been broom-swept.

Should you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

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