



# HINGHAM MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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REGULAR MEETING  
HINGHAM MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD  
February 23, 2021  
7:30 A.M. – Meeting via Zoom

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## MEETING NOTES

### **Meeting Called to Order:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant (HMLP) was called to order at 0730 on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via Zoom.

### **Present:**

John P. Ryan, Chairman; John A. Stoddard Jr., Vice-Chairman; Roger M. Freeman, Secretary; Paul Heanue, General Manager (GM); Tom Morahan, Assistant General Manager (Assistant GM); guests Laura Burns, Jenny Hook, Patti Coyle, Joan Heileman, Andrew Kohler and Michael Reive, Hingham residents.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The GM presented the meeting minutes for the January 12, 2021 meeting to the Board for their consideration.

### **MOTION**

**A motion was duly made by the Vice-Chairman to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting. The Secretary seconded and they unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting.**

### **Financials**

The GM presented the Board with financial statistics for December 2020.

- kWh sold in December 2020: 13.8m kWh, December 2019: 14.8m kWh and December 2018: 15.9m kWh.
- Revenue for December 2020 was \$2.3m, December 2019 was \$2.6m and December 2018 was \$2.5m.
- Expenses for December 2020 was \$3.2m, December 2019 was \$2.1m and December 2018 was \$2.2m.
- Net income for December 2020 was \$(881.6k), December 2019 was \$486.0k and December 2018 was \$223.7k.
- YTD kWh sales for December 2020 was 189.8m kWh, for 2019 was 192.6kWh and 2018 was 202.6m kWh.
- Revenue YTD December 2020 was \$30.9m, \$31.4m for 2019 and \$29.1m for 2018.
- Expenses YTD December 2020 were \$28.1m, \$27.1m for 2019 and \$28.9m for 2018.
- Net Income YTD for December 2020 was \$2.8m, for 2019 was \$4.2m and for 2018 was \$149.9k.

### **Additional Transmission Line**

HMLP is proposing to build a 3 ¼ mile underground transmission line to address reliability and capacity needs. Currently the Town is served by two (2) transmission lines on a single set of structures. The new line will be a second independent feed. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2023 with initial operations beginning in 2024. The estimated cost is approximately \$50m-55m, which does not include any distribution change costs. The GM met with the Town of Hingham Board of Selectmen a few weeks ago. The proposal appeared to be well-received by the Board. The Board acknowledged there is a need for a new transmission line and requested that the GM attend an abutters meeting. The abutters meeting is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>. The GM will send the Board the link for the meeting.

The Board requested that a study be conducted regarding the anticipated costs for infrastructure. The GM stated he will engage a new engineering firm to conduct the study after the new transmission line is approved at Town Meeting and HMLP has received funding approval. The Chairman anticipates the study will show that the current circuitry is not optimal for what the load will be.

### **Updates**

#### **Battery Storage**

The cable for the unit was energized a couple weeks ago. Before using, the batteries need a final approved electrical inspection and Kruger Energy needs to install a fence around that portion property. Additionally, Kruger needs to work out a protocol with ISO NE regarding entering into the secondary market. HMLP also needs to finalize and execute a contract with ENE to dispatch the battery. HMLP will get to use the batteries 60 times a year to reduce capacity, load and transmission costs. The rest of the time, the batteries will be used in the frequency market. The original delivery date was December 18, 2020 but due to delays regarding thickness of pad, damaged battery container and other issues the new projected delivery date is March 18, 2021.

#### **Landfill**

The second Planning Board meeting was held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. As requested by the Planning Board the developer met with abutters and provided mark ups of what the project would look like. The vote will be held at the March 1<sup>st</sup> Planning Board meeting.

#### **Meter Read System/Choice Connect**

Part of the ability to correctly figure out what is needed for the distribution system is a 24/7 meter reading system. With the new meter read system, HMLP will have the ability to read the meters 24/7. HMLP came to an agreement with I-Tron to install devices around the system in order to read meters every 15 seconds. It will also help out with outage recoveries, facilitate time and use rates and allow HMLP to see the entire circuit load by transformer.

#### **Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers/Smart Charge**

The Smart Charge program will give HMLP the ability to see when and where customers are charging their electric vehicles. HMLP is going to create incentives for when customers get electric vehicles and use HMLP electricity.

#### **Status of SB 2995 – An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy**

Bill SB 2995 aims to reduce emissions to net zero. Bill SB 2995 passed both houses of legislature, but the Governor did not act on the Bill in the allotted time period. The Bill went back to the Legislature, who then in turn sent it back to the Governor. The GM presented the Board with a summary and section-by-section breakdown of proposed amendments to the Bill.

**Executive Session:**

**At 0839 on a motion duly made by the Secretary and seconded by the Vice-Chairman it was unanimously voted to move to Executive Session.**

**At 0845 on a motion duly made by the Secretary and seconded by the Vice-Chairman it was unanimously voted to move out of Executive Session.**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**On a motion duly made by the Vice-Chairman and seconded by the Secretary it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 0845.**