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A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant (HMLP) was called to order at 0740 on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016 at the Hingham Municipal Light Offices at 350 Lincoln Street, Hingham, Massachusetts.

Present: John P. Ryan-Chairman, John A. Stoddard- Jr. Vice Chairman, Roger M. Freeman-Secretary, Paul G. Heanue-General Manager, Tim Hebert

Regular Meeting:

Approve previous month's minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to approved the minutes of the October 6th, 2015 meeting with the insertion of the two sentences inserted by the General Manager and the minutes of the January 29th, 2016 meeting with a notation to correct a typo on the last sentence of the first paragraph p2.

Financials

The General Manager reviewed the financials for December 2015. He pointed out a \$466k loss for the month which is not unusual for December. There was a net income loss of \$365k for December 2015, a net income loss of \$519k for December 2014 and a net income loss of \$638k for December 2013. Our vendors tend to submit any outstanding invoices in December so they can book the revenue to the ending year. The higher loss, 2016 over 2015, is largely attributed to the lower, by \$.005 per kWh, PCA in 2016. The last quarter reduction of the PCA put us under the 8% threshold. The Chairman suggested a meeting devoted to finances after the new building is complete and charges have all been paid. To date \$7.7m has been spent on it. The General Manager committed to trying to schedule our auditors for the April meeting.

Updates on new building and AMR

In early February the general contractor, CTA, predicted the project would be "substantially complete" at the end of February. That predicted date has changed back to April 1st. There was a discussion about adding more solar panels to the building and canopies in the parking lot in an effort to make our new building the 1st certified commercial net zero facility in MA. The General Manager observed the cost to do this would be roughly \$2m on a building expecting to cost about \$8.5m or almost 25% of the total price of the entire building. After some discussion the Secretary offered his opinion that it should be done. The Chairman opined that he thought we should wait and see what the total cost of the project becomes as his experience in this type thing, new construction, is there will be costs for items not previously considered. No vote was taken as the consensus of the Board became to wait as nothing much would likely be saved by doing it now vs. months from now.

The AMR project is moving along without incident or problems and it is at about 55% complete.

Solar Resource Portfolio Impact on HMLP

Tim Hebert of Energy of New England made a power point presentation on the impact to HMLP of solar generation to date and its potential going forward.

Cost of Service Study: methodology for studying net impacts of distributed energy resources, including demand response, energy efficiency and solar power on HMLP costs.

The General Manager said the person reviewing this for us wasn't ready to present at this meeting but will be for the next.

Other business:

The Secretary reported that he had received an email from a Selectman regarding the potential of our siting a solar array at landfill. The email described what type of information the Board would be looking for at our next appearance and thoughts around our having an information session for the general public at which they could raise concerns and ask questions. The General Manager said he expected he knew what people would be asking about and could prepare for that but asked the Secretary if he could help find someone to prepare renderings of what the landfill looks like pre and post installation of solar arrays. The Secretary said he thought he could help find someone. The General Manager committed to be as prepared as possible to insure our best chance at convincing the Board of Selectman, the Advisory Committee and neighbors that this is a project worthy of their support. Meeting dates with the general public, the Board of Selectmen and Advisory committee have not been selected.

The Hingham Shipyard Intermodal project was discussed. This new building needs HMLP equipment to be located on "state" property and they are balking at giving us an easement to put it there. Having an easement if we are locating our facilities on a customer's property is a requirement per our Terms and Conditions. Additionally, the State wants the HMLP to provide insurance for our having HMLP equipment on their property to serve their needs. The General Manager described that as a non-starter. HMLP does and will not provide insurance to each of its 10k+ customers when our facilities are on their property. The General Manager gave the Board a "heads up" that they may hear from state legislators over this matter. He said a conference call with all the parties, there are multiple state agencies weighing in which has contributed to the months long delay in resolving this, has been scheduled in an attempt to resolve these issues.

Executive Session

None

Motion to Adjourn

At 0910 on a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

