

**Hingham Municipal Light Plant
Thursday, January 28, 2010
HMLP Conference Room
350 Lincoln Street**

Attendees:

Walter Foskett, Chairman
John Stoddard, Jr. Secretary
Kevin Bulman, Vice-Chairman
John Tzimirangas, General Manager
Paul Heanue, Assistant General Manager

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
3. General Manager's Report
4. HMLP Energy Efficiency Program
6. Other Business
 - a. Warrant Signatures
 - b. Correspondence
7. Executive Session
 - a. A motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing trade secrets, personnel and strategy with respect to litigation.
 - b. A motion to end executive session and adjourn Regular Meeting
8. Motion to Adjourn

1. Call to Order

Chairman Foskett called meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of HMLP Board Meeting of December 9, 2009.

3. General Managers Report

350 Lincoln Street Move

Assistant General Manager Heanue welcomed Board members and four members of the Energy Committee to the new offices of HMLP with pizzas and soda.

Power Supply

HMLP has fulfilled 92% of power supply needs for 2010. In 2009 we bought 1% of our power on the spot market.

The remaining 8%, in 2010, can be filled with short term deals or wait on the spot market, depending on pricing.

-80% of power supply needs are locked in for 2011, and nearly 60% for 2012.

General Manager reviewed the HMLP portfolio for power suppliers:

a. Concord Steam

- A wood/natural gas cogeneration plant in Concord, New Hampshire

b. Wind-Maine-20 megawatts, split among municipal utilities for 2011

c. Hydro power-Maine

-Essex Hydro would buy the 5.9 megawatt plant, resell to HMLP

-General Manager will attend meeting on February 8th, and will get generating data

d. L'Energia-Lowell

-HMLP is the one of the municipal utilities looking at it. We could purchase 30 megawatts through ENE coop.

e. Landfill-Western Massachusetts (Granby)

-Three-year deal, 3.5 megawatts

-We can purchase one megawatt at 6.5 cents

f. Biomass

-General Manager expressed concern with regard to new law which disqualifies biomass as renewable energy.

-In December, the Department of Environmental Protection suspended review of permit applications for facilities proposing to use biomass materials until a comprehensive assessment of the environmental impact is completed.

Financial Business

-2009 audit has begun. General Manager would like to have it completed by May.

-Inventory was completed in January.

School Depot Parcel

General Manager will be attending a school committee meeting on February 8. There was a general discussion regarding the most efficient means of transferring use of land to HMLP.

General Manager stated it may be deemed surplus, and could be transferred to HMLP at town meeting.

Vice Chairman Bulman stated that it can be one warrant article, one vote

Chairman Foskett stated that we need to understand the language and any special legislature. There could be a risk that if the school board votes that the land is not needed, other entities could try to obtain it also.

General Manager stated that subsequent to having use of the property, we can obtain legislation and then acquire a deed.

Vice Chairman Bulman expressed concern with '21-E' -- has it been done?

Chairman Foskett wants to find out whether chapter 164 law would affect this, or is it more for commercial enterprises.

General Manager stated architect J. McMichael has been hired to do preliminary work and simple renditions.

MBTA Agreement

General Manager stated that we need to have an outside appraiser to assess actual land value.

4. HMLP Energy Efficiency Program

General Manager distributed copies of a memorandum regarding Conservation and Energy Efficiency Programs which discussed Tier I and II Services. They offer assistance to customers with regard to questions about conservation and energy efficiency issues. Topics included:

Lighting Replacement
Updated Appliance Rebate Program
Thermostats/Dehumidifiers

First year would be funded with \$300k from the rate stabilization fund. We would review 1st year experience and, possibly, institute some sort of rate adjustment if needed. With change in HMLP customer load profile, we went from a residentially supported company to commercially supported company.

It was noted that even with a push from Rapid Response (audit) pilot program there has been low customer involvement.

Vice Chairman Bulman inquired about whether customers who have participated are being contacted for follow-up.

Vice Chairman Bulman inquired whether the new program is going to help customers pay for any upgrades they purchase as a result of audits.

Vice Chairman Bulman inquired who is managing the new program.

General Manager stated that Energy New England is managing the program. They have contractors who they would recommend to customer for “one-stop shopping”.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously agreed to Authorize the General Manager to set up a fund that will review residential, commercial, industrial and municipal renewable projects. The HMLP will cap the renewable project rebates at \$5,000.00 per project up to ten projects or \$50,000.00

5. Other Business

a. Warrant Signatures

-Warrant signatures were provided by the Board members

b. Correspondence

6. Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously agreed to end regular session and enter executive session at 7:15 p.m..

General discussion

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously voted to end executive session and enter regular meeting at 7:30.

7. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously agreed to end regular session and adjourn meeting at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Stoddard, Jr., Secretary