

**Hingham Municipal Light Plant
Thursday, September 28, 2006
Town Hall**

Attendees:

John Stoddard, Jr., Commissioner
Walter Foskett, Chairman
Kevin Bulman, Secretary
John Tzimirangas, General Manager

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Executive Session
 - a. A motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing trade secrets and strategy with respect to litigation.
 - b. A motion to end executive session and adjourn Regular Meeting.
3. Open Regular Session
4. Approve previous meeting minutes
5. Manager's Report
 - a. General Business
6. Other Business
 - a. Warrant Signatures
7. Motion to Adjourn

1. Call to Order

Chairman Foskett called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board, by roll call vote, unanimously agreed to enter into executive session at 6:15 p.m.

General discussion regarding trade secrets and litigation

3. Open Regular Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board, by roll call vote, unanimously agreed to adjourn executive session and enter into Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.

4. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously agreed to approve previous meeting minutes: June 26, 2006; August 3, 2006; September 5, 2006 and September 19, 2006.

5. Manager's Report

A. Canal Second Contingency

ISO-New England wants to keep the units running on a contingency basis which is costing all rate payers in SEMA \$8.5 million dollars per month. This case has moved into settlement negotiations based on claims filed by the municipal utilities. Thus far, this has cost HMLP \$666,000.00 from January 2006 to July 2006. Monthly abatements have been filed every month by John Coyle, HMLP Counsel for relief of this charge. The General Manager recommends pushing harder for a new transmission system. As the system is at present, these expenses will have to be passed to rate payers on October billing statements. General Manager stated that he has requested that a separate line item be set up for this purpose.

B. Taunton

The General Manager has been negotiating with Taunton regarding the new plant being constructed there. The General Manager requested that Taunton hold ten to fifteen megawatts for HMLP use through a letter of intent.

C. MMWEC Plant

Hingham is involved in a joint ownership arrangement with other municipal utilities, with 100 megawatts combined.

D. Hingham Federal Credit Union

A twenty-five year lease has been offered to the Credit Union that will utilize space for ten parking spaces. The General Manager suggests a rate of \$400.00 per month from Credit Union with increases tied to the CPI of the Northeast. The lease will not be effective until all zoning permits are received. The maintenance, landscaping, and other issues will be responsibility of Credit Union.

E. General Manager Report

The General Manager distributed the first of an ongoing, monthly "Action List" with regard to long range strategy planning recommendations. General Manager requested that the Board submit to him any suggestions after reviewing the Action List.

The General Manager distributed the Draft Comprehensive Energy Policy. Chairman Foskett brought to the Board's attention that there was no reference to green power. The General Manager stated that the document relates to policy, not procedure, and that a time line can be set up regarding goals, what type of energy is available, and cost considerations. The General Manager stated that he passed information regarding wind turbines power to The Wind Committee, who will further investigate. The General Manager expressed concerns regarding the cost of going 'green', and again reiterated that he will research what is available and achievable.

Chairman Foskett inquired if there was any update regarding the project on Rte. 3A. The General Manager replied that he had met with Mr. Riley and Charlie Cristello. Mr. Riley expressed a strong preference for all utilities to be underground. The General Manager stated that HMLP had submitted estimates for both above and below ground systems. Another meeting is to be held the week of October 9, and General Manager will attend

The General Manager stated that Mass Highway controls the roadway where lines would potentially be installed. The General Manager stated that HMLP's position is that the project can be done either way, but we should get copies of any conditions that would affect the project. The General Manager also stated that he informed the Shipyard that Hingham rate payers are not responsible for the cost of going underground.

6. Other Business

A. Warrant Signatures

Warrant signatures were provided by the Board members

7. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion duly made by and seconded, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Bulman, Secretary