



HINGHAM MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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REGULAR MEETING HINGHAM MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

March 30, 2023

Meeting Called to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant (HMLP) was called to order by the Board's Chair, Laura Burns, at approximately 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at Hull Town Hall.

Present:

Board Members: Laura Burns, Chair
Michael Reive, Vice Chair

HMLP: Thomas Morahan, General Manager
Mark Fahey, Assistant General Manager
Brianna Bennett, Sustainability Coordinator

Guests: Hull Municipal Light Plant Board of Commissioners
Phil Lemnios, Hull Town Manager / Light Plant General Manager
Panos Tokadjain, Director Hull Municipal Light Plant
Michael Schmitt, Assistant Director, Hull Municipal Light Plant

Meeting began with a welcoming of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant by Hull Lighting Plant Chair Mr. Cannon. Mr. Valencourt of the Hull Municipal Light Plant then explained the purpose of the Joint Board meeting was to open conversation between the two Board and explore the potential for the two Light Plants working on and investing in mutually agreed upon renewable projects.

Ms. Burns introduced Mr. Reive, Vice-Chair, Mr. Morahan, Mr. Fahey and Ms. Bennett, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant Staff. Ms. Burns explained that Hingham wanted to open lines of communication in the hope of increasing non-carbon resources locally. Hingham's goal is to be Net-Zero by 2040. Hingham is open minded about what might be options, i.e., off shore wind, tidal power.

A discussion ensued about the existing Hull Wind Turbines. Mr. Cannon indicated that the turbines were installed 20+ years ago and are now coming to end of life. Hull I is no longer operational and Hull II is coming to end of life due to maintenance issues. Mr. Reive inquired how financially successful the turbines have been. Mr. Cannon indicated the return on investment had been approximately 17% for the Hull I unit and 3% for the Hull II Unit.

Mr. Lemnios led a discussion on the renewable energy industry and fiscal responsibility. Mr. Lemnios indicated that many of the possible local projects don't make sense financially and that there are larger projects that the Light Plants can get into through Joint Action Agencies such as MMWEC and ENE. Ms. Burns was in agreement but added that there are limited opportunities for those projects at this time thus the need to build local renewable projects.

Mr. Cannon inquired about the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant Transmission project. A discussion about the project and hurdles to the project ensued.

Motion to Adjourn

Ms. Burns concluded the joint meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Reive moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Burns seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Reive: Aye

Ms. Burns: Aye

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.