

2021-7-19
STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 19, 2021

LOCATION: SMLD, Zoom & Rear Board Room
50 Main Street, Sterling, MA

BOARD MEMBERS: Joe Curtin (Curtin), Chairman
Brian Pierce (Pierce) Vice Chairman
Eric Darlington (Darlington) Clerk

SMLD STAFF: Darren Borge (Borge) Manager

MINUTES: Eric Darlington

5:00.m. Meeting called to order; Curtin stated that the meeting is subject to audio recording- Roll Call Attendance, Darlington present, Pierce Present, Curtin Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board members in attendance pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

Safety Announcement - Equipment in office

Approval of Agenda – **Pierce made a motion to approve agenda as amended tabling item 6 (approval of past minutes)**, Darlington seconded, no discussion, all in favor, Darlington aye, Pierce aye, Curtin aye.

Manager's report given by Darren Borge

1. June 29th is currently the peak demand day of the year at hour 18. Total ISONE load was 25.159MW. SMLD during that hour was 8.45MW with all load shedding activated.
2. Meeting with the Select Board to review a Pole Petition for 96 Kendall Hill Road to install a new pole which would re-route 3-phase lines from behind house to roadside location. Have reached out and sent certified letter to homeowner to discuss locations.
3. Updated website is almost finished, will allow SMLD staff to make updates.
4. Borge will be attending NEPPA conference August 22 – 25, Pierce also plans to attend.

Unfinished Business

- a) Fiber Update – Phase II has 11 multi service terminals installed. 8,000' of 288 line as part of the American Rescue Plan. Currently we have 3 trials customers online, billing to start August 1. Expect to have full rollout by year end.
- b) AMI Project – 100% Installed.
- c) Main St. URD – Met with town administrator to review project, the Town has hired a consultant to review plans, should have feedback next month.
- d) NEEP/SEPA Project – No update
- e) 50 Main St Garage – No update will add to 2022 budget
- f) DPW Brush Mower –Met with DPW and United Agriculture to look at tractor and 22' boom mower, budgetary price is around \$150,000. Will meet again when receive final pricing to review specifics and best way to share the asset. Would be in 2022 budget.

New Business

- a) Leominster RMV EV Charger – Spoke with local legislators about Mass DOT purchase level 3 EV charger for Leominster RMV, we would install and provide service to.
- b) Town of Sterling EV Charger – SMLD was awarded \$25,635 of grants for the purchase and installation of 3 dual pedestal Level 2 EV chargers as part of the Main Street URD project. We are evaluating possible locations.
- c) Marketing Opportunities – Reached out to by North Central Mass Chamber of Commerce looking to see if we would like to become a member. Board felt best at this time to revisit marketing opportunities at a later date.
- d) 2015A Update – MMWEC filed with DPU to continue to move forward with the project.
- e) Reorganization of the Board – Board discussed organization, all members in favor of maintaining existing structure.

Customer Comments

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SCHEDULE NEXT BOARD MEETING

1. Fiber Project/American Rescue Plan Project
2. NEEP/SEEP Grant
3. Main Street URD Project
4. Town meeting/brush mower
5. Marketing
6. 2015A
7. EV Chargers

Next Regular Session Meeting – August 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

6:18p.m Pierce made a motion to go into Executive Session (1) under M.G.L. Chapter 30A: Section 21(a), Clause 10 (to Discuss Trade Secrets or Confidential, Competitively-Sensitive or other Proprietary Information Provided in the Course of Activities Conducted by a Governmental Body as an Energy Supplier – (9.1) E.H. Perkins/Battery Project (9.2) General Manager Offer Letter (9.3) New Vendor Inquiry, only to return to regular session to adjourn, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

6:42p.m. Meeting adjourned

ATTEST:

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Eric Darlington
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Eric Darlington, Clerk

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BOARD APPROVAL FOR RELEASE:

