

# Ashburnham Municipal Light Board

Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
24 Williams Road, Conference Room  
Ashburnham, MA 01430

## Meeting Minutes

Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Chairman  
Mark Carlisle, Vice Chairman  
Stephen Hogan, Secretary (via phone)  
AMLP General Manager: Kevin Sullivan  
Other Attendees: Brooke Czasnowski, Jeff Schrecke

Ahlin called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm with a roll call vote. Ahlin present, Carlisle present, Hogan present (via phone).

Ahlin announced all Board meetings are subject to audio and video recording.

Carlisle made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.

Hogan made a motion to approve the January 15, 2020 open session meeting minutes. Carlisle seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.

### General Manager Items:

*Building Renovation Spec:* Sullivan discussed the AMLP building renovation spec. Sullivan has met with two general contractors and one architect. There have been changes to Phase I of the project. A set of plans will be created by the architect and Phase I will likely go out to bid late April or early May.

*OPEB Retrospective Vote:* Sullivan explained to the Board that a retrospective vote was needed for the distribution of funds for the OPEB liability. The vote taken on 12/17/2019 was to fund the OPEB liability from the MMWEC Reserve Trust and the vote should have been to fund the OPEB liability from the MMWEC Working Capital account.

Ahlin made a motion for a retrospective vote relating to the December OPEB funding whereas the AMLB voted on 12/17/2019 to vote to fund OPEB in the amount of \$62,000 taken from the MMWEC Reserve Trust Fund, the AMLB understands and retrospectively approves the funding in the exact amount as had been taken instead from the MMWEC Working Capital Account. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Hogan aye, Ahlin aye.

*Billing Data Presentation/Aging Receivables:* Czasnowski presented to the Board the Accounts Receivable Aging report as of 12/31/19. She provided the Board with the

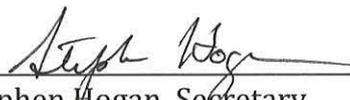
2018 report as a comparison. The uncollectable accounts were discussed, and she informed the Board of the 2019 Bad Debts and 2019 Liens.

*Services for Ashburnham:* Sullivan provided the Board with the 2019 AMLP Financial Advantage for the Town of Ashburnham summary. The itemized list includes PILOT payment, Murry Rd solar array, services rendered, municipal kWh rate, Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs) and streetlights.

*Clean Power Legislation Act:* Sullivan explained to the Board that the percent of renewable energy has shifted. The original timeline called for 80% renewable energy by 2050. The new timeline calls for 0% fossil fuel by 2050. The first target for the AMLP will be 50% renewable energy by 2030. Noncompliance will result in paying fees to the state.

The next meeting for the Board was scheduled for March 18, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Carlisle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 pm. Hogan seconded. All in favor. Ahlin aye, Carlisle aye, Hogan aye.

  
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Stephen Hogan, Secretary