

**MINUTES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD  
January 27, 2020**

**PURSUANT TO** notice given, the Wellesley Municipal Light Board (“Board”) met in the Municipal Light Plant (“MLP”) Gordon F. Kingsley Board Room, 4 Municipal Way, at 5:30 PM.

**PRESENT**

Those Commissioners present included Chair Paul L. Criswell, Ellen L. Korpi, Thomas Skelly, Edward J. Stewart, III and Jeffrey P. Wechsler. Staff in attendance were, MLP Director Donald H. Newell, Kevin Bracken, Terry Connolly, Cynthia Lowe, William Marsh, Steve Neshe, Joanne M. Scannell and Daniel J. Trant. Residents in attendance were Scott Bender, Mary Gard, Trish Glass, Jim Gorman, Laura Olton and Phyllis Theermann. Town Counsel Tom Harrington and Attorney Jennie Merrill also attended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Korpi, and seconded by Mr. Wechsler it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the November 25, 2019 Public Session Minutes as presented.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Korpi, and seconded by Mr. Wechsler it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the November 25, 2019 Executive Session Minutes as presented.

**CITIZEN SPEAK**

The Chair presented all of those in attendance with the opportunity to speak on matters of interest with respect to the MLP. Resident Trish Glass spoke in support of the Sustainable Wellesley Citizens Petition.

**DIRECTOR’S ITEMS**

**Executive Session.** Mr. Criswell requested a meeting in Executive Session to discuss the progress made in negotiating the Wireless Communication Facility Pole Attachment Master License Agreement (“MLA”) and to review the draft MLA document. Mr. Wechsler polled each individual Member. Each Board Member answered in the affirmative and the Board entered Executive Session at 5:35 PM.

**Return To Public Session.** The Board returned to Public Session at 6:10 PM.

**Small Cell Agreement.** Upon a motion made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Ms. Korpi, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** That the Board authorize the Director to execute a Wireless Communication Facility Pole Attachment Master License Agreement with AT&T, subject to final review and approval by the Director and Town Counsel, with the understanding that any additional modification to the Agreement will be minor in nature.

**Sustainable Wellesley Presentation.** Scott Bender and Jim Gorman presented “Warrant Article: Achieve 2020 Town-wide Greenhouse Gas reduction goal” providing information related to a proposed Citizen’s Petition Warrant Article. After almost 90 minutes of robust discussion Chair, Paul Criswell said he had a hard stop at 7:45 PM and would entertain a motion to table the matter. Upon a motion made by Mr. Stewart, and seconded by Mr. Wechsler it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To table the matter until the next regularly scheduled MLB meeting on February 24, 2020.

**Financial Statements.** The Director referred to Page 3, Fiscal Year 2020 year-to-date Comparative Balance Sheet for the month of November and noted two items that stand out. The Total Cash and Equivalents remaining steady month over month at \$5,113,341 and the significant increase in Other Current Assets to \$1,523,189, up \$431,242 from November of 2018. This increase was driven by increases in deposits at Energy New England.

**New EV Program.** Ms. Scannell reviewed the list currently active sustainability programs at the MLP and presented details regarding the new MLP/ENE EV program.

**VREP.** Mr. Connolly updated the Commissioners on the success of the calendar 2019 program.

**Working Groups.** The Director proposed to the Board that he will create a VREP Working Group to identify options for modifying the current Voluntary Renewable Energy Program. The group will consist of one or two Board member(s), two MLP staff members, one representative from the SEC and one representative from Sustainable Wellesley.

Similarly, The Director proposed to the Board that he will create a Demand Response Working Group to identify options for creating a Demand Response Program. The group will consist of one or two Board member(s), two MLP staff members, one representative from the SEC and one representative from Sustainable Wellesley.

Following a brief discussion the Board expressed support for the creation of both Working Groups.

**Quarterly Reliability.** Mr. Newell reviewed second quarter and year-to-date FY20 reliability results. The MLP’s System Average Interruption Duration Index (“SAIDI”) was 10.9 minutes and 14.3 minutes for the second quarter and FY20 YTD, respectively. Both SAIDI measures are reflective of very reliable electric service. The MLP measures reliability based on criteria provided by American Public Power Association in comparison to industry averages. By any measure the MLP provides very reliable electric service.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey P. Wechsler, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD  
JANUARY 27, 2020**

**PURSUANT TO** notice given the Wellesley Municipal Light Board (“Board”) met in the Municipal Light Plant (“MLP”) Gordon F. Kingsley Board Room, 4 Municipal Way, at 6:08 PM.

**PRESENT**

Those present included Chair Paul L. Criswell and Commissioners Ellen Korpi, Thomas Skelly, Edward J. Stewart, III and Jeffrey P. Wechsler. Also in attendance were MLP Director Donald H. Newell, Business Manager Joanne Scannell, Town Counsel, Tom Harrington and Attorney Jennie Merrill.

**Small Cell Agreement.** The Director referred to the report prepared by staff and, attached herewith, presenting details of the tentative agreement negotiated between the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant and New Cingular Wireless PSC LLC (AT&T). Also referred to and attached herewith is a draft of the Wireless Communication Facility Pole Attachment Master License Agreement (“MLA”). During a detailed review by the Board Mr. Newell, Town Counsel Tom Harrington and Ms. Merrill responded to specific inquiries by the Board.

**Return To Public Session.** There being no further items to be discussed in Executive Session, Mr. Wechsler polled each individual Member to return to Public Session. Each Board Member responded in the affirmative and adjourned the Executive Session at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey P. Wechsler, Secretary