

ARTICLE 28. MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

28.1. Membership. The Town shall have a Municipal Light Board consisting of five residents, three of whom shall be the members of the Board of Public Works and two of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. In making their appointments, the Selectmen shall seek to better assure that members of the Board have a mix of skills and experience helpful to the governance of the Municipal Light Plant, including, but not limited to, backgrounds in relevant technology, business, management, law and/or accounting.

28.2. Term. The term of office shall be three years.

28.3. General Duties. Under relevant special acts and Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Board shall have the powers and duties of Municipal Light Commissioners. The Board shall meet no less frequently than monthly for the purpose of reviewing Municipal Light Plant operations and financial performance.

28.4. Manager of the Municipal Light Plant. The Board shall appoint the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant, who shall have the powers and duties of managers of Municipal Light Plants as set forth in Chapter 164 s.56, of the General Laws. The Manager of the Municipal Light Plant shall have charge of the operation of the plant and distribution of electricity, the purchase of supplies, the employment of attorneys and agents, the provision of service, and the keeping of accounts.

28.5. Reports. In addition to the requirements of Article 4, the Board shall report quarterly to the Board of Selectmen, said reports to include an analysis of actual financial results compared to budget, an explanation of significant variances from plan and a management discussion of operations of the Light Plant. The Board shall report annually to Town Meeting, said report to include not only a summary of its quarterly financial reports to the Selectmen for the year, but also a detailed management discussion of its progress in achieving increases in productivity, of the control of operating costs, of its performance relative to comparable municipal light plants in other communities and of its coordination with other boards and departments of the Town. The Board shall also include in its annual report to Town Meeting a discussion of its long range plans and of its progress against them.

28.6. Policies. The Board shall publish its mission statement and its policies and shall seek the advice of the citizen owners and ratepayers of the Municipal Light Plant through public hearings and through their representatives at Town Meeting and on the Board of Selectmen before making any changes thereto.

28.7. General Provisions. The Board shall also be governed by Articles 2 through 7 of these Bylaws and other provisions of these Bylaws applicable generally to all Boards, except as it is specifically directed by law or a provision of these Bylaws to act otherwise.