

Wendell Municipal Light Board (MLB) Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:30 pm

Minutes

Present: MLBoard - Robert Heller, Laurie DiDonato, Lou Leelyn; MLP Manager - Ray DiDonato.

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm

Minutes - Approval of October 15th minutes. Lou made a motion to approve. Laurie seconds. Motion passed.

MLP Manager Report-

- Generator work and Whip City bills paid this week
- Fiber burn in Farley area last week - we will get billed. Question: If we see a limb on a wire who should be alerted? If a limb sits on electric wire it will burn eventually. Lou called 911 in this situation and nothing happened. Might be better to call Wendell highway or fire. Laurie will check who best to call in this situation so we can avert something that will become a bigger issue.
- We need to fill out a form from Andrew Short about who pays for fixes. Ray learned that the lawyer doesn't want us to cover any underground issues for liability reasons. The table we need to fill out is on google drive. Ray will ask for clarification on some points and we will revisit.
- Issue of drops not being paid needs to be sorted in response to Carolyn's question ("The Auditors have asked that the MLP establish a policy for collecting or dealing with outstanding debt as it is considered a liability on the Town books. I have asked Tom Scanlon for instruction on how to "write-off" old debt that at this point will never be paid, but going forward, the MLP will need to have a method to address outstanding receivables that aren't paid by the time an account is disconnected"). Carolyn provide a listing of the customers with outstanding balances.
 - 210 Lockes Village has an old bill. The install was in Aug 2020. We should have subsidized up to \$1600 and the cost should have gone on whip city invoice. The town was billing for drops during construction, so it didn't get transferred to whip city. Need to follow up with Whip city about providing service when there are unpaid bills with the town.
 - For any outstanding drop bills, we will reach out individually to folks - 3 attempts then drop it. For any outstanding drop payment we need to make sure they are not getting service. Lou will look into the situation at 210 LVR and 3 Mountain Laurel.
 - For outstanding subscription fees, Whip city shuts them off after 90 days and then drops it. We will follow up with one letter that we are trying to collect. Make sure they know it would be \$30 to reactivate now or they will pay \$99 to connect later. After that we will let all these go. Lou will draft a letter after the holidays. Laurie will let Carolyn know

our plan and timeline and get language for votes. For anyone deceased we will not follow up.

- MLP manager and board member job description has been provided . Robert will start picking apart so we have them separated.
- New Payment plan customer possible. Details have been provided but no application yet.

Operations- 362 subscribers

Next meeting- January 7th - 6:30pm

Adjourned 7:57pm