

Wendell Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 6:30 pm

draft Minutes

Present: MLP Board - Robert Heller, Laurie DiDonato, Lou Leelyn, MLP Manager - Ray DiDonato.
Meeting called to order 6:31 pm

Minutes - Approval of August 29th minutes. Lou makes a motion to approve. Laurie seconds - Robert abstains, motion passes by a majority. The payment plan is out to everyone who needs to know, but no responses so far. Lou has sent a revised PDF to Robert for the website. September 12th minutes - Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes, Robert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Website - The Whip City website needs minor changes -example: Municipal Light Board is this board's correct title. Lou will reach out to Lisa

New town website - Wendell net page is in the department section, and there is a different page for governing bodies, like committees. There is a form for applying to use the payment plan there which looks great. Robert described the website- there are a few people who know how to make changes, post meetings, etc, and the plan is to train the clerks who do it a lot. Otherwise these changes can go through the website committee or town coordinator. There is a form for posting meetings and notices.

Solar credits pay for the internet? *Carolyn is checking on how this will work.*

MLP Manager report:

- There is a CAF-II amendment that we need to sign. We have to certify that we have to use money for broadband purposes, which includes paying down the broadband debt. Ray notified the SB and signed the amendment.
- Whip City is going to document car vs. pole incidents -- we should get Police reports so we can contact the driver insurance company to get reimbursed for the cost of the repairs. Ray has made sure the police know we want these reports.
- Smartphone apps - Laurie and Ray will work to write out instructions before the next meeting.

Operations:

364 bills went out in September. There is only one over 90 days in arrears. There are a few new applications, but Whip City is handling them. One is at 196 Jennison, which is not in the build. And there is a new build at 380 New Salem Road (secondary dwelling maybe?). We're trusting that Whip City will get in touch and we'll figure it out. CRM is working perfectly.

Lori Mars is asking to waive a late fee. Ask her produce the invoice she is asking to have the fee waived for and we can revisit- Laurie will do that

Next meeting time - Nov 7th, 6:30pm in person.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm