

October 18, 2021, at 5 PM  
STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 18, 2021

LOCATION: SMLD, Zoom & Rear Board Room  
50 Main Street, Sterling, MA

BOARD MEMBERS: Joe Curtin (Curtin), Chairman  
Brian Pierce (Pierce), Vice Chair  
Eric Darlington (Darlington) Clerk

SMLD STAFF: Darren Borge (Borge) Manager

MINUTES: Patty Page

5:00 PM. Meeting called to order; Curtin stated that the meeting is subject to audio recording- **Roll Call Attendance, Darlington present, Curtin Present**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board members in attendance pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

**Safety Announcement** - Equipment in office

**Approval of Agenda** – Darlington made a motion to approve agenda as written, and to table the executive session. Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

**Manager's report given by Darren Borge**

1. Summer Temporary Generator – captured all summer peaks and avoided approximately \$93k in avoided transmission costs and another \$67,121 in avoided capacity obligations totaling \$160k in annual avoided costs.
2. Northgate EV Charger - has made \$28 in sales with 175 kwh sold at the dual pedestal chargers.
3. PURMA Cyber Security Conference- was highly informative and gave them a better understanding where our system is. Overall, in good shape. Audit of cyber security in the future.
4. Princeton Highway/SMLD Brush Trimming - Princeton select board does not believe it is in their best interest to move forward with this inter municipal venture or even doing this pilot project. Mostly insurance concerns.
5. New Google Account – Getting approximately 285 inquiries per month on Google.
6. Select Board Vote – The Board voted not to renew the PILOT at Jewett Road solar.

### **Unfinished Business**

- a) Fiber/ARPA Update – doorknocker and letters went out from Dana Hill, Muddy Pond, Worcester Road, Leominster Road, Chocksett, Clemence, Pratts Junction. Have approximately 150 customers fiber ready. Another 70-80 on the Pratts Junction side. Another 100 in the Dana Hill area.
- b) Main Street Underground – on hold.
- c) NEEP/SEPA – Grant application not chosen for project.
- d) 50 Main Street (Garage) – estimate for materials from contractor. Reallocate funds for the truck that never came in and put towards the garage project materials. Mr. Darlington made a motion to reallocate \$25k towards the materials for the garage materials. Mr. Pierce seconded. All in favor, 3-0.
- e) Leominster RMV EV Charger – no change. Senator Cronin's office did reach out to discuss further with Mr. Borge.
- f) Town EV Charger – operations getting materials together for Town Hall EV charger.
- g) Fiber Marketing – possible “meet the fiber team” at the Senior Center, but now looking at the 1835 building. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> they will be putting a meeting together for customers and interested parties. Will reach out to EDC as well. VOIP partners will be available as well to assist in explaining the process.
- h) Rate study – preliminary rate study from BH Leymaster, Inc. They still needed PPA from facilities. Very preliminary at this time. Still information gathering at this time.
- i) LED Floodlight Conversion – replaced all 10 LED floodlights at the Muddy Pond soccer fields completed 10-14-2021.

### **New Business**

- a) No New Business

**APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES** – August 26, 2021, minutes – Mr. Curtin had minor changes. Mr. Borge had a few corrections as well. Mr. Curtin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 26, 2021, as amended, Mr. Pierce seconded. All in favor, 3-0.

### **Customer Comments**

No Customer Comment's

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SCHEDULE NEXT BOARD MEETING**

- a) Fiber Project/American Rescue Plan- Update and Schedule for sections completed and ready for customer connections.
- b) Main St URD Project
- c) NEEP/SEPA Project
- d) 50 Main St Garage
- e) Leominster RMV EV Charger
- f) Town of Sterling EV Charger
- g) Fiber Marketing
- h) Rate Study
- i) LED FL Conversion

**Next Regular Session Meeting** – 11/29/21 @ 5pm.

**5:55 PM. Mr. Darlington made a motion to adjourn, Pierce seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor**

ATTEST:



Eric Darlington, Clerk

DATE:

2/23/22

BOARD APPROVAL FOR RELEASE:

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