

# MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Thursday April 16, 2020

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## Minutes

Present for the meeting were: Commissioners – Chairman Hull, Homan, Maccario, Johnson and Tumulty. General Manager Kowalik, Finance Manager Dugan, Finance Assistant Barrett and Manager of Technical Operations Coleman.

Chairman Hull opened the meeting at 1:06 P.M.

### **Minutes:**

#### **Vote #2020-9**

It was moved by Commissioner Tumulty and seconded by Commissioner Maccario to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting. **Unanimous**

#### **Financial Report:**

Finance Assistant Barrett forwarded to the Commission via electronic files of the January and February 2020 operating statements and power costs.

The Purchased Power Adjustment for April 2020 is 3.1 cents per Kwh for all customers.

#### **Vote #2020-10**

It was moved by Commissioner Tumulty and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the General Manager's recommendation for distribution of yearend 2019 available cash as follows:

Pilot Payment to the Town Of Marblehead: \$330,000.00

#### **General Managers Report:**

#### **Covid-19**

GM Kowalik informed the Commission of the measures being taken by MMLD to mitigate the spread of the virus among MMLD employees and the public which includes rotating schedules for all 22 employees, social distancing within the plant and the closure of the offices to the public. He will continue to closely monitor the pandemic and adhere to guidance provided from Governor Baker's Administration.

**Village 13 Substation:**

GM Kowalik informed the Commission due to unforeseen project site concern and the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on normal department operations, the Marblehead Municipal Light Department is electing to postpone the Village 13 project at this time.

**Tree Survey:**

GM Kowalik informed the Commission that MMLD contracted with Cicoria Tree service to identify and document tree/wire conflicts on selected high voltage circuits, including recommendations for tree removal and pruning to reduce the likelihood of service interruptions due to for switchgear and transformers. We anticipate that we will rebid later this year with the expectation of a 2021 delivery.

**Causeway Light Poles:**

GM Kowalik informed the Commission that the new causeway light poles and fixtures will be shipped shortly. He will contact Town Administrator Silva to discuss splitting the cost.

**NREL:**

GM Kowalik will coordinate a late April meeting between MMLD, NREL and MMWEC to discuss NREL's preliminary results which utilized NREL's tool called REopt to evaluate the techno-economic report for the potential of adding PV, wind, and battery storage to offset MMLD's energy costs.

**Vote #2020-11**

It was moved by Commissioner Homan and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 2:03 P.M. **Unanimous.**