

**MINUTES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD MEETING  
January 3, 2017**

**PURSUANT TO** notice given, the Merrimac Municipal Light Board (“Board”) met in the Municipal Light Department’s (“MLD” or “Department”) Administration Building, 10 W Main Street, at 4:00PM.

**PRESENT**

Those present included Commissioners Norman Denault, Larry Fisher and Paula Hamel, MLD’s General Manager (“Manager”) Francisco Frias, and Office Manager Julie Hart.

**MEETING START**

Motion was made and accepted to bring the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**GENERAL MANAGER’S ITEMS**

**Distribution Upgrade Estimates for Water Pumps:**

Commissioners met to discuss DPW Director Bob Sinibaldi request to lower the estimate he received from the Light Department for the electrical upgrade for the new water pump on Attitash Ave. The estimate included \$30,283 in materials and \$37,730 for truck and labor costs to upgrade the distribution system on Attitash Ave. to 3-phase in order to accommodate the Water Department’s new booster pumps. Commissioner Denault went through his notes and past years Board Meeting Minutes and did not find any mention of the Light Department giving an estimate for this work. He also call Dan Folding who was the Manager back then and was told there was some talk about the project, but never anything in writing or any quotes from us.

DPW Director Bob Sinibaldi wants the Light Department to forgo all trucks and labor charges on this project. With an estimated 25 days of labor, this would be a big cost for the Department to absorb. Ongoing capital projects would need to be delayed and a financial burden would be added to the Department’s tight financial forecast. Before making a decision the Board asked Manager to find out what the Town Policy is for interdepartmental labor charges. Also Commissioners would like to have an informal discussion with the Selectmen about this issue. There should be a process in place, for future Town projects that involves other Departments, which was not the case with this particular project until project was already going into the construction phase. Manager will contact the Selectmen to see if any of them can come to the next Board of Commissioners meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:07PM.

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Light Commissioners