

**MINUTES OF THE
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2021**

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 8:00AM.

PRESENT

Those present included Chair Paula Hamel, Vice Chair Larry Fisher, Secretary Norman Denault, Interim Manager Dick Joyce, and Office Manager Tara Aniello.

MEETING START

A motion was made and accepted to bring the meeting to order at 8:04AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners voted 3-0 to accept the February 17th, 2021 and the March 9th, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes as written.

GENERAL MANAGER’S ITEMS

Battery Storage:

The Interim General Manager (“Manager”) went over his view of the battery storage project. It is just focused on capacity and not transmission with a two-hour window to catch 3,000 kwh or 37.5% of the peak load. To optimize the benefits of battery storage and before making a twenty-year commitment the MMLD should evaluate the inclusion of merchant revenues and eliminate monthly transmission costs. The Manager will complete a more thorough analysis and provide a formal recommendation to the Board.

Office Renovations:

The Manager will reach out to Luna Design to get specific details of where the Department is at with the process of renovating. He will move forward with renovations and keep the board updated on the process.

Shut Offs:

Doing shut offs this year has been a sensitive issue since the COVID crisis happened. The Department will send out a letter before doing shut off notices, so people have enough time to prepare. There will be multiple attempts to get in touch with customers to work with them before shutting power off.

Streetlight Request:

The customer at 54 Harriman Road requested an elderly streetlight be put in at the end of his driveway. The board made a motion 3-0 to approve installing an elderly streetlight at 54 Harriman Road.


In Lieu of Taxes:

The board made a motion 3-0 to give the Town \$20,000 in lieu of taxes.

The meeting went into executive session at 9:03AM.


Chairman


Vice Chair


Secretary