

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Session**

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
DATE: Thursday, May 20, 2010
PLACE: Reading Municipal Light Department, General Manager's Conference Room
PRESENT: CAB: A. Carakatsane, Chairman, (Lynnfield), J. Norton, Secretary, (North Reading),
T. Sopchak, (Reading), G. Hooper (Wilmington), Q. Vale (Wilmington)
RMLD Board: Mary Ellen O'Neill
RMLD Staff: V. Cameron, R. Fournier, J. Parenteau, K. Sullivan, P. O'Leary,

1. Call Meeting to Order – A. Carakatsane, Chairman

Chairman Carakatsane called the meeting to order at 5:09 P.M.

2. Executive Session

Mr. Hooper made the following motion seconded by Mr. Norton:

MOVE that the CAB go into Executive Session based on Chapter 164, Section 47D, exemption from public records and open meeting requirements in certain instances, to discuss power supply, to approve minutes, and to return to Regular Session.

Motion carried by a poll of the Board 5:0:0: Mr. Norton – Aye; Mr. Hooper – Aye; Mr. Carakatsane – Aye; Mr. Vale – Aye; Ms. Sopchak - Aye

Note: Regular session resumed at 5:37 P.M., and item #4 was taken out of order.

4. Strategic Power Supply Procurement Strategy – V. Cameron, J. Parenteau

Mr. Norton made the following motion seconded by Mr. Hooper:

MOVE that the Citizens' Advisory Board recommend that the RMLD Board of Commissioners authorize the Reading Municipal Light Department's (RMLD) General Manager to execute one or more Power Sales Agreements in accordance with the RMLD's Strategic Power Supply Plan for power supply purchases for a period not to exceed 2011 through 2014 and in amounts not to exceed 20.375 MW in 2011, 20.700 MW in 2012, 18.300 MWs in 2013, and 18.875 MWs in 2014.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

3. Minutes of Meeting – February 18, 2010 – A. Carakatsane

A correction was made to the minutes on Page 3, #1--delete the line beginning "Mr. Hahn."

Mr. Norton made a motion seconded by Mr. Hooper to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting as corrected.

Motion carried 4:0:1 (Mr. Norton abstained.)

5. FY11 Capital Budget – DRAFT 2 – V. Cameron, R. Fournier

Mr. Cameron explained that the largest change between Draft 1 and Draft 2 is basically the soil remediation work being done at the Gaw Substation, and its impact on the delay of the project. The RMLD is awaiting word from the EPA to begin removing soil and excavating.

Mr. Fournier detailed the budget changes from Draft 1 to Draft 2 as outlined on his handout dated 5/19/2010 and entitled, "Draft 1 Capital Budget Changes." (See attached)

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Norton made the following motion seconded by Mr. Hooper:

MOVE that the CAB recommend to the RMLD Board of Commissioners the second draft of the FY11 Capital Budget in the amount of \$5,605,581 dated May 13, 2010. Any significant changes are to be submitted to the CAB for review and recommendation.

Motion carried 5:0:0

6. FY11 Operating and Capital Budget – V. Cameron, R. Fournier

Mr. Fournier explained the second handout dated 5/13/2010 and entitled, “Draft 1 Operating Budget Changes.” (See attached) He showed the impact of the delay in the Gaw Project because of the soil remediation for the Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Norton made the following motion seconded by Mr. Hooper:

MOVE that the CAB recommend to the RMLD Board of Commissioners the acceptance of the second draft of the FY11 Operating Budget based on a Net Income Amount of \$2,309,819. Any significant changes are to be submitted to the CAB for review and recommendation.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

7. Twenty-Year Agreement Extension Update – V. Cameron

Mr. Cameron stated that Reading and North Reading Selectmen to extend the Agreement. Mr. Cameron went to the Town Meetings in Lynnfield and Wilmington, and both Town Meetings voted to extend. He stated that the memorialization would need to be signed. It will go to the RMLD Board next week, and then it will go to the four towns for signature.

8. Other Items for Discussion

NEPPA Annual Conference – August 15-August 17, 2010 – Providence RI

Ms. O’Leary reminded the members who plan to attend to book hotel rooms as early as possible.

Mr. Norton made the following motion seconded by Mr. Hooper:

MOVE that five members of the CAB be authorized to attend the 2010 NEPPA Annual Conference.

Ms. Sopchak is unable to attend.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

Mr. Vale stated that today’s Wilmington Advocate contained an article entitled “Solar Power on the Rise.” He stated that a company in Wilmington received the State’s first Commonwealth Solar Stimulus Rebate in the amount of \$136,868.

Mr. Cameron stated that the company has had conversations with the RMLD and presently have no agreement with them.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Vale wanted to make sure that the RMLD would encourage customers to take advantage of something like this, and not make it difficult due to interpretation of statutes.

9. Schedule Next Meeting

Mr. Cameron stated that a meeting in June relative to the Cost of Service Study and the 5% rate increase that is in the budget might be necessary.

Ms. O'Neill suggested a joint meeting with the RMLD Board's Power and Rate Committee and the CAB to go over the Cost of Service Study.

The CAB agreed.

Mr. Hooper would let Ms. O'Leary know by tomorrow if he could cover the next RMLD Board meeting otherwise, Mr. Carakatsane would cover it.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Norton made a motion seconded by Mr. Hooper to adjourn Regular Session at 6:12 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously: 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted,

/pmo

John Norton, Secretary

Minutes approved on: 7/12/2010

List of Documents Used:

1. Draft 1 Capital Budget Changes dated 5/19/2010
2. Draft 1 Operating Budget Changes dated 5/13/10