



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

RMLD Board of Commissioners

Date: 2019-05-07

Time: 06:00 PM

Building: Reading Municipal Light Building

Location: Winfred Spurr Audio Visual Room

Address: 230 Ash Street

Session: Open Session

Purpose: General Business

Version: Final

Attendees: Members - Present:

David Talbot, Chair; John Stempeck, Vice Chair; David Hennessy, Commissioner; Thomas O'Rourke, Commissioner; Philip B. Pacino, Commissioner

Members - Not Present:

Others Present:

RMLD Staff: Coleen O'Brien, General Manager; Hamid Jaffari, Charles Underhill, Assistant Director of Integrated Resources; Tracy Schultz, Executive Assistant.

Financial Committee Liaison: Karen Herrick

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: David Hennessy, Secretary Pro Tem

Topics of Discussion:

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Talbot called the meeting to order and read RMLD's Code of Conduct. Chair Talbot announced that the meeting is being videotaped at the RMLD office at 230 Ash Street, for distribution to the community television stations in North Reading, Lynnfield, and Wilmington.

Public Comment

Chair Talbot asked Mr. Hennessy to serve as Board Secretary. There was no Citizens' Advisory Board member in attendance and no public comment.

Discuss and schedule a solar power workshop for nonprofit/public-sector entities, private commercial property owners, and other interested parties.

Chair Talbot explained that it is the intention of the board to schedule a special board meeting that will provide information to the public about solar power. Topics and the submission of questions by the public prior to the meeting were discussed.

Chair Talbot thanked Ms. O'Brien and the Department for their hard work. June 20 was decided as the workshop date.

Explanation and discussion of PILOT payment research plan and schedule

Ms. O'Brien gave an update and stated that RMLD hired an independent party to look at the study she had performed. They're updating it and it's expected to be done by late spring. Ms. O'Brien stated she will send the results (without deliberation) to the Commissioners and then give a presentation. The timing of the presentation was discussed and when the document becomes

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public. Ms. O'Brien explained it will initially be a draft and once it's determined that the document fulfills its intended scope a finalized version will be made public.

Update on 20-Year Agreement

Chair Talbot explained that the 20-Year Agreement is up for renewal next year. Ms. O'Brien explained that the agreement is renewed every ten years and that she doesn't anticipate any changes. Chair Pacino described the last renewal. The timetable was discussed.

Explanation and clarification on RMLD electric vehicle charging incentives and policy

Chair Talbot thanked Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Underhill for working on a comprehensive electric vehicle program, including rebate and incentive policies. Chair Talbot explained that there are simple chargers available for homeowners. Mr. Underhill explained his department is developing a program to work with customers. Integrated Resources is looking at charger locations and dynamically pursuing other opportunities. A scope of work to look at electric vehicles has been developed. Fleet electric vehicles, public access chargers, and a collaboration with Volta, and the different levels of chargers were discussed. Ms. O'Brien summarized the program components.

General Discussion

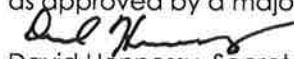
Ms. Herrick stated she has been doing research on Green Communities and she spoke to the Municipal Area Planning representative, who stated the legislature discussing making it easier for municipalities to get involved. Mr. Underhill explained that the executive director of Green Communities lives in Lynnfield: RMLD is having discussions about possible opportunities. Ms. O'Brien reiterated that RMLD does not pay into Green Communities and needs to evaluate potential partnerships.

Future meeting dates were discussed.

Adjournment

At 8:32 p.m., Mr. Pacino made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hennessy, that the Board go into Executive Session to consider the purchase of real estate and return to Regular Session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

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as approved by a majority of the Commission.


David Hennessy, Secretary Pro Tem
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