



Town of Reading Meeting Posting with Agenda

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RMLD Board of Commissioners

Date: 2023-01-18

Time: 6:00 PM

Building: Reading Municipal Light Building

Location: Winfred Spurr Audio Visual Room

Address: 230 Ash Street

Agenda: Revised

Purpose: General Business

Meeting Called By: Marlena Bitá, Chair

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Topics of Discussion:

PER GOVERNOR BAKER'S MARCH 10, 2020, ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G.L. c. 30A, §20 THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON, REMOTELY VIA ZOOM.

This meeting will be streamed live on RCTV and YouTube:

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JOINT MEETING WITH RMLD CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

1. Call Meeting to Order – M. Bitá, Chair (Board of Commissioners) and V. Soni, Chair (Citizens' Advisory Board)

Code of Conduct: The RMLD Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of hearing public comment, at the discretion of the Chair, on items on the official agenda. Once recognized by the Chair, all persons addressing the Board shall state their name and address prior to speaking. It the role of the Chair to maintain order in all public comment or ensuing discussion.

2. Public Comment - M. Bitá, Chair
 - Liaisons to the RMLD Board
 - Public Comment

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3. 2023 Rates – Attachment 1 – **ACTION ITEM** - G. Phipps, General Manager

Citizens’ Advisory Board Suggested Motion: Move that the Citizens’ Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Commissioners vote to accept the General Manager's recommendation to replace the following MDPU rates effective for billings on or after March 1, 2023.

- Replace 277 EV Equipment Schedule with 306
- Replace 296 Residential Schedule A with 301
- Replace 299 Residential Time of Use Schedule A2 with 302
- Replace 297 Commercial Schedule C with 303
- Replace 298 Industrial Time of Use Schedule I with 304
- Replace 300 School Schedule SCH with 305

Board of Commissioners Suggested Motion: Move that the Board of Commissioners, on the recommendation of the Citizens’ Advisory Board, vote to accept the General Manager’s recommendation to replace the following MDPU rates effective on billings on or after March 1st. 2023.

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4. Accounting and Finance Division Report – Attachment 2 – B. Bloomenthal, Director of Accounting & Finance

5. Integrated Resource Division Report –Attachment 3 – **ACTION ITEM** - G. Phipps, Director of IRD and General Manager

- Avangrid – Existing Wind IRD Power Supply

Citizens’ Advisory Board Suggested Motion: Move that the Citizens’ Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Commissioners vote to accept the General Manager’s recommendation to execute a contract with Avangrid Renewables for energy, including associated certificates, from an existing wind facility in Connecticut and an existing wind facility in New Hampshire, contingent on appropriate environmental due diligence.

Board of Commissioners Suggested Motion: Move that the Board of Commissioners, on the recommendation of the Citizens’ Advisory Board, vote to accept the General Manager’s recommendation to execute a contract with Avangrid Renewables for energy, including associated certificates, from an



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existing wind facility in Connecticut and existing wind facility in New Hampshire, contingent on appropriate environmental due diligence.

- Patriot Renewables – New Wind in IRD Power Supply

Citizens’ Advisory Board Suggested Motion: Move that the Citizens’ Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Commissioners vote to accept the General Manager’s recommendation to execute a contract with Patriot Renewables for energy, including associated certificates, from a “to be built” wind facility in Connecticut, contingent on appropriate environmental due diligence.

Board of Commissioners Suggested Motion: Move that the Board of Commissioners, on the recommendation of the Citizens’ Advisory Board, vote to accept the General Manager’s recommendation to execute a contract with Patriot Renewables for energy, including associated certificates, from a “to be built” wind facility in Connecticut, contingent on appropriate environmental due diligence.

6. Scheduling - M. Bitá, Chair

Subsequent Board Meetings

- Wednesday February 15, 2023, 7:30 PM
- Wednesday March 15, 2023, 7:30 PM
- Wednesday April 19, 2023, 7:30 PM
- Thursday May 18, 2023, 7:30 PM
- Thursday June 15, 2023, 7:30 PM
- Thursday July 20, 2023, 7:30 PM
- Thursday September 21, 2023, 7:30 PM
- Thursday October 19, 2023, 7:30 PM
- Thursday November 16, 2023, 7:30 PM
- Thursday December 14, 2023, 7:30 PM

2023 Warrant Schedule

	AP	PAYROLL	Board Member Covering CAB
January	Stempeck	Talbot	Pacino
February	Coulter	Bitá	Stempeck
March	Talbot	Pacino	Coulter
April	Bitá	Stempeck	Talbot
May	Pacino	Coulter	Bitá
June	Stempeck	Talbot	Pacino
July	Coulter	Bitá	Stempeck

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August	Talbot	Pacino	Coulter
September	Bitá	Stempeck	Talbot
November	Pacino	Coulter	Bitá
December	Stempeck	Talbot	Pacino

7. Procurement Requests for Board Approval – Attachment 4 - **ACTION ITEM** - H. Jaffari, Director of E&O

- IFP 2022-38 Padmounted Switches

Suggested Motion: Move that IFP 2022-38 for Padmounted Switches be awarded to: WESCO Distribution, Inc. for a total of \$252,138.00, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164 § 56D, on the recommendation of the General Manager

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes- Attachment 5 – **ACTION ITEM** - M. Bitá, Chair

Suggested Motion: Move that the RMLD Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022, meeting on the recommendation of the General Manager.

9. Release of Executive Session Minutes 2001 and 2013 – P. Pacino, Vice Chair

10. Adjournment – **ACTION ITEM** – M. Bitá, Chair (Board of Commissioners) and V. Soni, Chair (Citizens’ Advisory Board)

Citizens’ Advisory Board Suggested Motion: Move that the Citizens’ Advisory Board adjourn regular session.

Citizens’ Advisory Board has the option to adjourn following agenda item 5.

Board of Commissioner Suggested Motion: Move that the Board of Commissioners adjourn regular session. Note: Roll call vote required.

BOARD MATERIALS AVAILABLE BUT NOT DISCUSSED

Accounts Payable / Payroll Questions through January 9th, 2023
Surplus and Scrap Material Report December 2022
August September and October 2022 Financials