



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

RMLD Citizens Advisory Board

Date: 2019-09-19

Time: 6:30 PM

Building: Reading Municipal Light Building

Location:
General Managers Conference Room

Address: 230 Ash Street

Session: Open Session

Purpose: General Business

Version: Final

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Mr. Dennis Kelley, Chair (Wilmington); Mr. Jason Small, Vice Chair (North Reading); Mr. George Hooper, Secretary (Wilmington)

Members - Not Present:

none

Others Present:

Mr. David Hennessy, Board of Commissioners
Ms. Coleen O'Brien, Mr. Hamid Jaffari, Ms. Kathleen Rybak, Mr. Charles Underhill

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Mr. George Hooper, Secretary

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Topics of Discussion:

Chair Kelley called the meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Board to order at 6:30 PM and noted the meeting was being audio recorded.

1. Approval of Minutes – D. Kelley, Chair

Materials: Draft Minutes from January 23, 2014, Regular and Executive Session, April 9, 2014, April 15, 2015, and April 22, 2015, Meetings

Mr. Hooper made a motion that the Citizens' Advisory Board approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2014, Regular and Executive Session, April 9, 2014, April 15, 2015, and April 22, 2015, meetings as written, seconded by Mr. Small. Hearing no objection minutes were approved as written.

2. General Manager's Update – Coleen O'Brien

- *New Wilmington Substation:* Ms. O'Brien reported that staff continues to work with National Grid and the Town of Wilmington in order to secure land for the new substation. The construction timeframe is targeted for 2021-22.
- *CY20 Budget:* Ms. O'Brien reported that staff is working to complete the 2020 Budget to be issued by September 30th. Staff will present the Budget to the CAB in October.
- *CAB Membership:* Ms. O'Brien reported that the Town of Lynnfield is hoping to have an appointment soon. A Reading representative has not yet been appointment.

3. Report on NEPPA Conference – J. Small, Vice Chair

Mr. Small gave a brief overview of the events and presentations he attended at the NEPPA Annual Conference held in August. Main themes from the presentations included cyber security and protection of assets, the cost of power supply – transmission, generation and capacity markets, climate change, and electric vehicles.

4. Reliability Update – H. Jaffari, Director of Engineering & Operations

Materials: Reliability Update Presentation Slides

Mr. Jaffari reported that SAIDI, CAIDI and SAIFI all remain well below the national and regional averages. Mr. Jaffari then reviewed the number and causes for outages for July, August and September (through the 18th), noting the maintenance programs and the tree trimming program are having a positive impact on reliability.

5. Board of Commissioners Meeting Update – D. Hennessy, RMLD Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Hennessy noted that the Board of Commissioners attended the NEPPA conference and therefore did not meet in August.

6. Scheduling: CAB Meetings and Coverage for Commissioners Meeting – D. Kelley, Chair

The next CAB meeting was scheduled for October 23rd in Wilmington for the 2020 Budget review. Mr. Hooper will cover the October 17th BOC meeting. The November meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 21st to coincide with the BOC meeting; Mr. Small will cover the November BOC meeting.

Ms. O'Brien reported that the RMLD Open House will be held on October 10th 3:00-6:00 PM (with a rain date October 17th)

7. Adjournment – D. Kelley, Chair

Mr. Hooper made a motion to adjourn the Citizens' Advisory Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Small. Motion carried 3:0:0 (3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent).

The CAB meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

As approved October 23, 2019