Town of Heath

Meeting minutes

Heath Municipal Light Plant Advisory Board

Date/time: April 9, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Location: Sawyer Hall

Members present: Jan Carr, Art Schwenger, Ned Wolf, Sheila Litchfield

- Called to order at 3:06 pm
- Minutes from 4/2/19 will be reviewed for approval at a subsequent meeting
- Ned shared highlights of 10 am 4/9/19 status update meeting with WG&E:
  - We should expect invoices from utilities soon; 1st of 13 pole application bundles cost is $28K; unknown what other invoices will be but if all at this level we may exceed our make-ready estimate and may need to either seek an advance from Bill Ennen or ask Kris to initiate one loan note.
  - Need to know when PPR is coming so we can develop a drop policy
  - Anticipate moving toward procurement in July and signing a construction contract.
  - 3rd installment ($154,000) from state anticipated upon signing of construction contract.
  - Still exploring options to minimize risk of Wi-Fi sharing among customers, which will hurt us all by increasing rates
- Finance reports reviewed:
  - Discussion regarding accounting methodology to implement during operations; given that Heath operations is tentatively anticipated for August 2020, we decided to recommend to BOS to wait until FY21 to include ATM warrant vote for an Enterprise Fund if indeed committee determines that is the methodology to implement; in meanwhile will continue to explore MLP accounting and Enterprise Fund and continue to use General Fund accounting at this time. Will send specific questions to key resource people and discuss responses at subsequent meetings.
  - Jan and Ned will inform BOS of the recommendation at BOS/FinCom meeting tonight

Art moved to adjourn at 5:05 pm, Ned seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Next meetings:

- 4/12 MBI Worthington 11:00 – 12:30 meeting and appreciation for Steve Kulik.
- Anticipate need to meet with Conservation Commission regarding sting of Hut
- MLP Advisory Committee meeting April 9 at 3 pm, Sawyer Hall