

**MINUTES OF THE
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD
February 8, 2022**

PURSUANT TO notice given, the Merrimac Municipal Light Board ("Board") met at the Merrimac Light Department 10 W. Main Street, Merrimac, MA

PRESENT

Those present included, Chair Larry Fisher, Vice Chair Norman Denault, Secretary Paula Hamel, Interim General Manager, Richard Joyce and General Manager Mary Usovicz.

MEETING START

On a motion by Commissioner Fisher seconded by Commissioner Denault the Commissioners voted to bring the meeting to order at 4:11 PM. Vote 3-0

The Commissioners finalized and signed General Manager Employment Agreement for Mary Usovicz.

Dick Joyce reviewed the first draft of the five-year financial forecast, operating expenses, power contracts and the OPED liability. Mr. Joyce also gave an overview of the problems with Honeywell, and discussed shut off policy.

On a motion by Commissioner Fisher seconded the Commissioner voted to accept the December 12, 2022 minutes as written. Vote 3-0

Mary Usovicz discussed tablets and software for the crew and asked staff for an analysis on how residents pay their light bills cash, checks and online payments.

Executive Session:

The Secretary polled each Board Member individually for authorization to enter Executive Session. All Board Members responded in the affirmative and entered Executive Session at 6:13 PM for the purpose of the items listed below: I, Commissioner Fisher, I, Commissioner Denault, I Commissioner Hamel. Vote 3-0


On a motion by Commissioner Fisher seconded by Commissioners Denault, the Commissioners voted to adjourn the Executive session at 6:31 PM and return to the regular meeting. I, Commissioner Denault, I Commissioner Hamel. Vote 3-0

Ms. Usovicz gave an overview of her meeting with staff and noted that they said communication as a whole was an issue for the department. They also discussed issues with the two-way radios.

On a motion by Commissioner Fisher seconded by Commissioner Denault the Commissioners voted to adjourn regular session at 6:37 PM. Vote 3-0


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