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ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2014
6 Collins Street
ASHLAND, NH
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bobbi Hoerter and Daniel Vaughn
Kendall L. Hughes - Excused

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lee Nichols, Linda Pack, Normand DeWolfe, David Toth and Fran Newton

CALL TO ORDER:

Dan Vaughn called the Meeting of the Ashland Electric Commission to order at 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES:

Bobbi made a motion to approve as presented the minutes of April 8, 2014. Dan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Dan made a motion to unseal the non-public minutes of December 18, 2012. Bobbi seconded the motion. Vote: Dan - yes & Bobbi - yes.

Bobbi made a motion to unseal the non-public minutes of February 14, 2012. Dan seconded the motion. Vote: Bobbi - yes & Dan - yes.

Bobbi made a motion to unseal the non-public minutes of November 9, 2011. Dan seconded the motion. Vote: Bobbi - yes & Dan - yes.

Bobbi made a motion to unseal the non-public minutes of December 14, 2011. Dan seconded the motion. Vote: Bobbi - yes & Dan - yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lee advised that the project on Leavitt Hill is within 2 to 3 days of having 95% of the PVC in the ground and they will be starting to pull in the wire very soon. We currently have enough Pad Mount Transformers but not enough Pole Transformers.



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Lee will be talking with the Foreman of the Public Works Department regarding obtaining some Hot Patch for a walkway repair on North Ashland Road.

The Public Utilities Commission notified Lee Nichols that they have approved Ashland Electric's solution to refund to our Electric Customers any money rebated from RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiatives.) Auction Proceeds. The amount of any rebate has not been determined as yet but will be refunded on a one month basis each quarter.

Lee advised the Electric Commissioners that he would like to post for a Chief Lineman. The Commissioners have agreed and Lee stated it would be posted as soon as possible. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Union posting requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Pack advised the Board that David Singer will be arriving Friday, May 23rd. He will begin to copy data for the transfer to the new billing program. He hopes to have this process done and be ready to run both programs in June to see if all data on the new system is running correctly.

Andrew Lane notified Lee Nichols that he would like to drain the pond above the Gristmill on June 15th to begin repairs on the gates of the Gristmill Hydro Dam. Lee stated he would have to get permission from the Board of Selectmen. Bobbi did not think that the timing for draining the pond was a good idea due to the fact that it would fall during Bike Week and could impact tourism in the area.

Lee advised the board that recently it was reported to the Electric Department that some businesses in Ashland were getting phone calls from someone claiming to be from the Electric Department. They advised the business owner that someone was on the way over to shut



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off their service if they did not pay the bill immediately. We are assuming the scammers wanted a business credit card number to avoid the shut off. These business owners did call our office to check with us before handing over any money or credit cards but Lee would like to send out a notice with the next electric bill to alert everyone that this is a scam. The Commissioners felt this would be a good idea.

Normand DeWolfe asked Lee for his opinion on Solar Power. Lee expressed his views that most companies want to put in net metering and he is not in favor of this. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons.

Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifest Signed

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Bobbi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Dan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Pack
Ashland Electric Department