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## ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday  
June 13, 2017  
6 Collins Street  
ASHLAND, NH  
6:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sandra Coleman, Jamie Lyford and David Fucarile

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lee Nichols, Linda Pack, Tejasinha Sivalingam & Casey Barney

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sandra Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

**MINUTES:** Jamie Lyford made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of March 28, 2017. David Fucarile seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Sandra Coleman made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of April 4, 2017. Jamie Lyford seconded the motion. Vote: Sandra - yes, Jamie - yes, David abstained as he was absent from this meeting.

David Fucarile made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of April 11, 2017. Jamie Lyford seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Jamie Lyford made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of April 25, 2017. David seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Jamie Lyford made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of May 9, 2017. Sandra Coleman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Jamie Lyford made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of May 23, 2017. David seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Lee advised the Board that the Head Gasket is blown on the Orange Bucket Truck. He stated we cannot do without another truck and



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something with outriggers will be needed. The new truck planned for purchase will not be ready until March or April. He has contacted one company so far to check on a possible rental. He will contact Altec to find out what they may have. Meanwhile, Jamie would like to look into a demo to purchase if any are available. The Commissioners agree to hold a special meeting to make any decisions.

The Eversource Bill came in for the Annual True-up cost at \$13,041. We have already prepaid \$9500. so the balance due is \$5287.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

An Eversource Engineer talked to Lee regarding concerns over the Substation needing considerable repairs. Lee has contacted Andrew Lane regarding the changeover needed and Lee told him to contact us by September 1st so the repairs can be done. Lee also advised Eversource if they need to they can put fusing in.

Discussion regarding the purchase of a tank of Nitrogen for use on the Transformers at the Substation ensued. Lee will get a price for the Commissioners.

Sandra stated that she wanted to raise the Electric Rates and wanted to have a decision tonight. Several different rate proposals were discussed and reworked. Lee Nichols and one Commissioner were vehemently opposed to the rate increase and felt it was unnecessary. Even though rates have not been raised since 2010 Mr. Nichols felt a rate increase is not needed.

Jamie Lyford made a motion to change rates 0-100 Kwh will stay the same as it is now. 100-400 Kwh will increase 1/4 of a penny and over 400 Kwh will increase 1/2 a penny. Sandra seconded the motion. During discussion David stated that he felt Lee and Linda run the day to day operation and they do not feel a rate increase is necessary so the Commissioners should listen to them. Lee stated that the rate that was proposed to change would require a change in our billing program. Jamie withdrew his motion.

David Fucarile left the meeting at 9:05 PM.



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Jamie Lyford made a motion to change the Electric Rates to read 400 Plus kwh increase one penny for residential and electric service. Motion seconded by Sandra Coleman. Jamie - yes & Sandra - yes. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding selling the old pickup truck and putting an add in the newspaper. No decision was made.

**ASSISTANT  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll signed by Commissioners.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

Sandra Coleman made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:20 P.M. according to RSA 91-A:3II(a) Personnel. Jamie Lyford seconded the motion. Sandra - yes & Jamie - yes.

Sandra made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 9:30 PM. Jamie seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Sandra made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Jamie seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Sandra Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Jamie Lyford seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Pack  
Ashland Electric Department