

**Joint Meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission
And the Electric Utility Commission
Meeting Minutes, July 16, 2019**

Roll Call: Steve Fitzhugh, Dave Maxwell, Nathaniel Miller. Dennis Donahue absent. Others present: Town Manager Jeff Schulz, Utility Superintendent Patrick Demasi . The meeting started at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes from the June 2, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Dave Maxwell, seconded by Nathaniel Miller, to approve the minutes of June 4, 2019. It was noted that Mr. Miller's name was misspelled. **Motion passed 3-0 as amended.**

Meeting of the Electric Commission

FY 19/20 Electric Budget

The Electric Commission continued its discussion of the FY 19/20 Electric Budget focusing on the CIP. The Commission made the following adjusts to the CIP: increased the substation surveillance cameras to \$25,000, added \$20,000 for battery storage, added \$125,00 for the Bone Hill Inter-connection, added \$50,000 for smart meters, and increased the land purchase on King Street to \$150,000.

Bone Hill Solar

Steve Fitzhugh noted that the feasibility Study for Bone Hill Solar Project, prepared by GMP, failed due to a transfer trip issue effecting the reclosure. An interconnector is needed to address the issue and the project developer, Encore, estimates the cost at \$75,000. Steve is working with VPPSA on a power purchase agreement between VPPSA and NED whereby NED will pick up the upfront cost of the required interconnector, and in return, NED will receive a lower purchase cost arrangement over the life of the 20-year project.

Other Business

Gravity Renewables, owner of the Nantana Mill Hydro Power, currently has a VPPI contract which is due to expire. Gravity Renewables wishes to convert the contract to a power purchase agreement with NED; however, this effort is delayed to the transfer trip issue.

Steve also noted that at a recent VPPSA retreat the members discussed the concept of the utilities getting more involved with internet/broadband by setting wireless access points. This concept is due in part to Act 79 which requires that the Vermont Department of Public Service assess the feasibility of providing broadband service using electric utility infrastructure.

Meeting of Water and Sewer Commission

Budget Status Report

Jeff Schulz presented a near final FY 18/19 budget status report noting that both the water and sewer budgets were on generally target. The water budget revenue actuals exceeded estimates by \$35,759 with nearly half of that amount due to non-residential use. The water budget expenditures were \$19,759 under budget. The sewer budget revenue actuals were just \$41 above estimates, and the expenditures were \$231 over budget.

Motion by Dave Maxwell, second by Nathaniel Miller to adjourn the Joint Meeting of the Electric Commission and the Water/Sewer Commissions. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Jeff Schulz, Town Manager