



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 23, 2013

The Regular April Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) located at 16 South Golden Street, Norwich, Connecticut.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman James Sullivan.

Present: Chairman James Sullivan, Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair, Secretary Larry Goldman, Commissioner Robert Groner and Commissioner Grace Jones. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda; NPU Staff Members Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Kerri Kemp, Jeff Brining, Mark Decker, Randy Black, Fawn Walker, Jeanne Kurasz, Robin Elgin and Michele Addabbo.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. None.

Item 3. Minutes of the Special April Meeting held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Vice Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Commissioner Groner moved to approve the Minutes of the Special April Meeting held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, as written. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Action Items

a) Public Hearing on Proposed Gas Rate Changes

Chairman Sullivan declared the Public Hearing on Proposed Gas Rate Changes open at 6:03 p.m. General Manger Bilda and Steve Sinko presented the Board with information on the proposed gas rate restructuring. General Manager Bilda stated that the NPU staff has been strategic, methodical and deliberate with regard to crafting a way to address the infrastructure needs of NPU while minimizing the impact to our customers. Chairman Sullivan then called for any public comment.

Joanne Philbrick, 10 Elm Avenue. Ms. Philbrick asked for further explanation on capital trackers. General Manager Bilda explained that these trackers would directly identify money being spent on any costly capital project. He said these trackers were largely driven by feedback given when the water rates were raised last year.

Chairman Sullivan then asked three times if any members of the public would like to speak to the Board regarding the proposed gas rate changes. Hearing no comment, Chairman Sullivan then declared the public hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.

b) Public Hearing on Proposed Electric Rate Changes

Chairman Sullivan declared the Public Hearing on Proposed Electric Rate Changes open at 6:21 p.m. Chairman Sullivan then asked three times if any members of the public would like to speak to the Board regarding the proposed electric rate changes. Hearing no comment, Chairman Sullivan then declared the public hearing closed at 6:22 p.m.

c) CMEEC Creating Agreement

General Manager Bilda spoke to the Board about how this agreement was the last piece of documentation to enable refinancing for a number of projects to lower wholesale energy costs.

Secretary Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Groner moved to approve the CMEEC Creating Agreement. Unanimously Approved.

d) CMEEC Membership Agreement

General Manager Bilda said no substantive changes were made to the Membership Agreement, and asked the Board to approve the Agreement in its final state for the record.

Secretary Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Jones moved to approve the CMEEC Membership Agreement. Unanimously Approved.

e) Erin and White Street Property Purchase

General Manager Bilda spoke to the Board about the purchase of the 12-20 Erin and White Street property. Discussion followed. He then asked the Board to authorize him to secure this property.

Commissioner Groner, seconded by Commissioner Jones moved to authorize General Manager Bilda to take all steps necessary to purchase the Erin and White Street property. Unanimously approved.

Item5. Financial Report. Steve Sinko updated the Board on NPU's financial report. Informative.

Item 6. Strategic Presentations.

General Manager Bilda and Chris LaRose updated the Board on the water main break at 344 Fitchville Road in Bozrah. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 7. General Business. None.

Item 8. Executive Session. The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

Item 9. Other Business. None.

Item 10. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. Secretary Goldman, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair moved to adjourn the Meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Attest:

Larry Goldman, Secretary