

## **Minutes: Stowe Electric Board of Commissioners' Meeting**

August 30, 2024, at 8:30 am at Town of Stowe Electric Department Conference Room with remote participation available via Zoom.

### **Present:**

BOARD MEMBERS: Larry Lackey, Chair; Sara Teachout, Vice-Chair and Mark Gilkey, Commissioner

STAFF: Jackie Pratt, General Manager, Sarah Juzek, Director of Finance; Michael Lazorchak, Manager of Regulatory Compliance; Amber Ives, Clerk of the Board

GUESTS: K. Stevens, IT Manager

**Call to Order:** L. Lackey called the meeting to order at 8:36 am.

### **Agenda Approval:**

L. Lackey moved to modify the agenda to remove the meet and greet with the Clean Energy Innovator Fellow, as C. Ansley was unable to attend the Board of Commissioner's Meeting. All were in favor and the modified agenda was approved.

### **Approval of July 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes:**

S. Teachout moved to adopt the July 24, 2024, minutes. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

### **Project Updates:**

The Board of Commissioners and staff discussed the passing of the August 2024 Bond request, the progress of the Cady Hill storage facility, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) review of the Emergency Operations Center funding, the Wilkins Substation upgrade, the Operations Analytics Platform, and the Smith's Falls hydroelectric project.

At 8:55 am, K. Stevens joined the Board of Commissioner's meeting.

## **General Manager Highlights:**

The Board of Commissioners and staff discussed the use of drones and their potential to assist the Line Crew during a storm by providing critical information, the goat grazing project along a portion of Circuit 6, available grant opportunities for Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers, the relocation of Stowe Electric Department's Level 3 DC Fast Charger, and the implementation of the clean heat standard and how it relates to Vermont Renewable Energy Standard requirements.

J. Pratt updated the Board of Commissioners on human resource developments:

- Promotion of C. Dupuis from Apprentice to Third Class Lineworker
- Promotion of P. Sikora from Second Class to First Class Lineworker
- Hiring of C. Klosowski as the Business & Communications Manager

## **Executive Session:**

At 9:32, L. Lackey offered to entertain a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel policies and a contract negotiation matter. S. Teachout moved the motion and M. Gilkey seconded. All are in favor.

J. Pratt and M. Lazorchak were invited to stay for Executive Session.

At 10:02 am, M. Lazorchak exited Executive Session.

At 10:40 am, L. Lackey moved to exit Executive Session and adjourn. S. Teachout seconded, and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Amber Ives*

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Clerk of the Board