

JOHNSON VILLAGE TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees: Gordon Smith, George Pearlman, Ellis O'Hear, Walter Pomroy,

Others: Duncan Hastings (Manager),

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Duncan reviewed changes to the documents for the purchase of a 15% ownership interest in the Morrisville Water & Light transmission system, which had been made since the last board meeting, to address board concerns. There were no changes proposed for the Purchase and Sales Agreement. The Joint Ownership Agreement changes address the concern over the sole ownership by MW&L of 5% of those poles where MW&L had distribution underbuilt. It was recommended to simply delete the section of the Agreement that assigned a 5% sole ownership to MW&L for underbuilt. That would make it clear that Johnson owned a full 15% of all the assets and that MW&L was solely responsible for any and all costs associated with their underbuilt plant. The Board was comfortable with these changes. Duncan stated that these changes were reviewed with MW&L and Primmer, Piper, Eggleston and Cramer who agreed this solution would work. Walter moved to authorize Duncan to sign the Purchase and Sales Agreement and the Joint Ownership Agreement, seconded by George. Ellis, George and Walter in favor, Gordy abstained to avoid any possible appearance of conflict of interest due to being employed by Vermont Electric Coop.

Duncan stated that the Selectboard was going to consider adopting a policy similar to the Trustees on employees bringing pets to work at their meeting later that night. Duncan had relayed the concern expressed by several members of the Trustees over elected official bringing pets to the office and public meetings, if there was going to be a policy against employees bringing them to work. Duncan has discussed the issue with Eric Osgood and would be raising the issue with the Selectboard as a whole. He asked if the Trustees would consider a policy against bringing pets into the office building, which would apply to everyone. This could be done by amending the Facility and Building Use Policy. Walter asked if there would need to be a carve out for sponsored events that might involve pets such as a rabies clinic. The Board agreed this would need to be considered but in general was open to the idea of an amended policy.

There being no other business, George moved to adjourn at 5:20 p.m., seconded by Ellis, all in favor

Minutes submitted by Duncan Hastings