Village of Ludlow Electric Light Department

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Date 8/27/2026

4:30 PM Ludlow Town Hall. Howard Barton Jr. Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shannon Stark   Jean Strong   Logan Nicoll

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Recchia   Brett Sanderson   Lisa Griswold

OTHERS PRESENT:

Willem Bargfrede

AGENDA

Part 1:
There is a scheduled site visit by the Commissioners to the proposed Stonehouse Solar Site, on East Hill Road, Ludlow at 3pm. The Public is welcome to attend. Nothing said or discussed at this visit will be recorded or part of a formal record, and no decision will be made by the Board at the site. At part 2 of this meeting, the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, comments or reactions can be discussed on the record, and any potential action by the Board can be considered and acted upon at that time.

Part 2:

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

   a. Shannon Stark called meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

II. **CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES, ADDITIONS, OR REMOVALS TO THE AGENDA**

   a. None

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

   a. None

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- July 23, 2026 Regular Meeting**

   a. <u>MOTION by Jean Strong, seconded by Logan Nicoll to approve minutes from July 23rd meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.</u>

V. DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SITE VISIT TO THE POTENTIAL STONEJOUSE SOLAR PROJECT- Public comment, action by the board if any

a. Chris Recchia stated that the board did a site visit as posted on the agenda earlier in the day. There was no public that showed up at the site visit. There was also no action taken by the board at the site. Recchia asked for comments from the board.

b. Shannon stated that after she left the site she travels East Hill to see if there was any place that the field could be seen, she stated that it does not appear to be able to be seen anywhere from East Hill. Jean Strong stated that she thinks it is a good location, and very glad that the board went to the site and has no issues with the proposed placement of the project. Logan Nicoll also stated that he has no concerns and thinks it is a great spot to do this project.

c. Chris Recchia stated that construction is supposed to start in the spring of 2027, pending permits. There was an identified need for a railroad crossing permit and Recchia agreed to connect with the Zoning Office.

VI. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS REPORT

a. Recchia told the board about VPPSA's first annual Commissioners and Trustees meeting being held on September 23rd, 2026 and invited them all to attend if possible.

b. Recchia reported that the Q2 budget has shown improved status, with July showing $70,000 deficit. He also mentioned that higher power cost are going to impact our year-end results.

c. Recchia stated that he has an upcoming meeting with DPS about the rate redesign for residential demand rate.

d. Recchia also stated that the Annual Report for 2025 has been distributed to the library, Post Office, and Town Hall for people to pick up. He also shared that the office has additional copies to mail out upon request.

e. Recchia shared that the EV Charger has arrived for Pond Street, not sure on installation timing yet.

f. Recchia also stated that the SCADA System RFP was extended until early September, and new RFP's were issued for audit services and tree trimming.

VII. OUTSIDE OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

a. Brett Sanferson gave his report to the board. Stated that the work on the Howard Barton Substation is underway.

b. Reclosure for Smithfield Substation is being moved to next spring because of winter fast approaching. Also shared that there are some service upgrades and new services coming up before winter.

c. Mill upgrade will continue on Monday after Labor Day.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. PERSONNEL

b. CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

c. MOTION by Jean Strong, seconded by Logan Nicoll to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel under the provisions of Title 1, Sections 313(a) (3) of Vermont Statutes. Being joined in Executive Session by Chris Recchia, Brett Sanderson, and Lisa Griswold. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Board entered into Executive Session at 5:07 PM.

e. MOTION by Jean Strong, seconded by Logan Nicoll to exit Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Board exited Executive Session at 7:16 PM.

IX. ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

a. None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

a. MOTION by Logan Nicoll, seconded by Jean Strong to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Shannon Stark adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Submitted by Lisa Griswold