

Village of Ludlow Electric Light Department

Meting Notice- Regular Meeting

Board of Commissioners

Date 9/24/2026

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shannon Stark

Jean Strong

Logan Nicoll

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Recchia

Lisa Griswold

Michael Gadway

OTHERS PRESENT:

Willem Bargfrede

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES, ADDITION, OR REMOVALS TO THE AGENDA

- a. None

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-August 27, 2026 Regular Meeting

- a. MOTION by Logan Nicoll, seconded by Jean Strong to approve minutes from August 27, 2026 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

V. DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Chris Recchia stated that the DPS came back with one more question in regards to the rate case for 7.2% increase. The question was about the Capital Budget planning process.
- b. Cash flow has improved for the month of September. The department was able to pay down on the line of credit. Will be able to finish paying off before December when the application for a new line of credit gets submitted.
- c. Recchia shared that he had a meeting with DPS on the demand rate structure. The DPS has decided that the department can go with the original plan of 2 tiers of the demand rate. Tier A and Tier B. This structure would leave 68 customers in the higher tier. Average savings for tier A would be about \$25/month. The tariff needs to be written, but the department is making progress with the change.
- d. Vail has hired a company to present a tariff change to how Okemo is charged for their usage. The change they are proposing would get charged for peak usage during actual peaks instead of usage in certain time windows. Recchia stated that the department currently has four items currently filed between the DPS and PUC, so would like to file this tariff change after some of those items are closed. This change would get them off from GMP and ISO peaks, and savings would be on the department and Okemo.

- e. VPPSA sent out RFP for SCADA system. Four responses came from that. However, only one had pricing. The data is being analyzed.
 - i. Recchia stated that he found out that the company that our current system is through sent an appraisal in May to update/rebuild system. They did not get sent the RFP, so did not have a chance to bid on RFP's through VPPSA.
 - ii. Recchia also stated that the new system will be expandable to solar project and any battery project that may come up in the future.
- f. Recchia shared that RFP's were sent out for financial audit and tree trimming services. He has decided that staying with the current companies is best for department.
- g. Howard Barton Jr substation is currently down for the regulators to be changed. The concrete is being poured next week. Recchia also stated that a temporary fence. Once the work is completed the permanent fence will be put up.
- h. Mill project work is done with one exception of concrete needing to be poured. That will be done in the next week or so.
- i. EV charger has been delivered. Underground needs to be run to install it at the office. This is a low priority at the moment, but will hopefully be installed before winter.
- j. Okemo compressor project is on going. There was a planned outage to hook the transformers up on Wednesday. Everything went well and power was restored within the estimated time.
- k. The department installed an antenna for Okemo Valley Radio. The department donated a pole in order to do this. The antenna went in at Okemo.
- l. Okemo Marketplace had two outages over the weekend due to squirrels. There was a plan to remedy the problem earlier in the summer but was rescheduled. The lineman have a planned outage to take care of it. Recchia did state that he reached out to the owner of Big Pop's to let him know that the department would be doing the work to hopefully stop this from happening so frequently.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. PERSONNEL

- b. 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 and Lisa Griswold. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Board entered Executive Session at 5:05 PM.
- d. MOTION by Logan Nicoll, seconded by Jean Stront to exit Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Board exited Executive Session at 6:57 PM.

VII. ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. None

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- a. MOTION by Logan Nicoll, seconded by Jean Strong to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Shannon Stark adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Griswold

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