

MINUTES OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF 9/18/2023 AT 5:00 PM

Commissioners Gedanken, Smith, and Kamisher-Koch were in attendance along with GM Mike Sullivan and CBOS Beth Essary. Commissioners Prevot and Ambrosino were attendance via Zoom.

Also in attendance via Zoom:

Ken Nolan, VPPSA
Steve Farman, VPPSA
Brooke Dingledine

- Commissioner Gedanken called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.
- Commissioner Ambrosino approved the agenda. Commissioner Kamisher-Koch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from August 21, 2023 regular board meeting. Commissioner Kamisher-Koch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The reports from Ken Nolan regarding HED's power supply cost and HED 2022 audit follow-up were reviewed. No action was taken.
- Steve Farman presented preliminary information regarding a potential new rate filing. No action was taken.
- Information regarding potential borrowing was reviewed. No action was taken.
- The General Manager's report was reviewed.
- The Financial Statements were reviewed.
- Commissioner Gedanken made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a litigation issue with counsel, the premature disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the interest of Hardwick Electric Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:40 PM.
- The Board returned to regular session at 7:14 PM. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Gedanken made a motion to authorize HED counsel to file the Petition for Declaratory Judgment To Quiet Title To Real Estate with the Superior Court of Vermont. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Beth Essary
Recorded By

1.15.24
Date

H. Gedanken
Commissioner Signature

1.15.24
Date

MINUTES OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF 9/26/2023 AT 5:00 PM

Commissioners Gedanken, Smith, and Kamisher-Koch, Prevot and Ambrosino were in attendance via Zoom along with GM Mike Sullivan.

- Commissioner Gedanken called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM to discuss loan documents related to the Wolcott hydro and Hardwick substation.
- No action was taken.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Beth Essary
Recorded By

1.15.24
Date

M. Gedanken
Commissioner Signature

1.15.21
Date

MINUTES OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF 10/16/2023 AT 5:00 PM

Commissioners Gedanken, Smith, Prevot and Kamisher-Koch were in attendance along with GM Mike Sullivan. Commissioner Ambrosino and CBOS Beth Essary were attendance via Zoom.

Also in attendance via Zoom:

Eric Remick, Town of Hardwick Select Board Chair
David Upson, Hardwick Town Manager
Eli Emerson, Attorney
Tina Norton, Union Bank
Holly Pepin, Community National Bank

- Commissioner Gedanken called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
- Commissioner Smith approved the agenda. Commissioner Prevot seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to approve the minutes from September 18, 2023 regular board meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from September 26, 2023 special board meeting. Commissioner Kamisher-Koch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Eli Emerson provided information about statutes pertaining to HED borrowing. No action was taken.
- Tina Norton answered questions from the board regarding potential HED borrowing. No action was taken.
- Holly Pepin answered questions from the board regarding potential HED borrowing. No action was taken.
- Select Board Chair Eric Remick presented questions regarding a quote from HED for new construction work. No action was taken.
- The General Manager's report was reviewed.
- The Financial Statements were reviewed.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Prevot seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Beth Essary
Recorded By

1.15.24
Date

SE Gedanken
Commissioner Signature

1.15.24
Date

MINUTES OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF 11/20/2023 AT 4:00 PM

Commissioners Gedanken, Smith, Prevot, Ambrosino and Kamisher-Koch were in attendance along with GM Mike Sullivan. CBOS Beth Essary was in attendance via Zoom.

Also in attendance via Zoom:

David Upson, Hardwick Town Manager

- Commissioner Gedanken called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.
- Additions to the agenda requested: GM Sullivan requested an Executive Session, Commissioner Prevot requested an update to an EV Charger project and Commissioner Kamisher-Koch requested a discussion of construction customer policies. Commissioner Kamisher-Koch made a motion to approve the modified agenda. Commissioner Prevot seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from October 16, 2023 regular board meeting. Commissioner Prevot seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Ambrosino, GM Sullivan and David Upson shared Information regarding the Yellow Barn project. No action was taken.
- GM Sullivan shared the latest information regarding a new rate filing. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to authorize GM Sullivan to implement a 2% rate increase 12 months from the last rate increase. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- GM Sullivan and CBOS Essary shared updated information regarding potential funding options. No action was taken.
- GM Sullivan shared the latest information on the Wolcott Hydro repair project. No action was taken.
- The General Manager's report was reviewed.
- The Financial Statements were reviewed.
- Commissioner Prevot shared information regarding EV charger installation for an existing HED customer. GM Sullivan provided an update on HED's EV charger rate. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Kamisher-Koch presented questions about construction costs. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Gedanken made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a customer issue. Commissioner Kamisher-Koch seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:26 PM.
- The Board returned to regular session at 6:46. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Beth Essary
Recorded By

1.15.24
Date

J. Gedanken
Commissioner Signature

1.15.24
Date


MINUTES OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF 12/18/2023 AT 4:00 PM

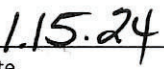
Commissioners Gedanken, Smith, Prevot and Ambrosino were in attendance via Zoom along with GM Mike Sullivan and CBOS Beth Essary.

Also in attendance via Zoom:

Eric Remick, Town of Hardwick Select Board Chair
Ken Nolan, VPPSA
Steve Farman, VPPSA

- Commissioner Gedanken called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.
- Commissioner Smith approved the agenda. Commissioner Prevot seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from November 20, 2023 regular board meeting. Commissioner Prevot seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Public Comment: Questions from Eric Remick regarding costs for Yellow Barn project were clarified.
- Steve Farman presented information about a potential 2024 rate increase. No action was taken.
- HED communications update was shared.
- GM Sullivan provided an update on the Wolcott hydro equipment status. No action was taken.
- The General Manager's report was reviewed.
- The Financial Statements were reviewed, and an update was provided regarding FEMA and Vermont Bond Bank funding option.
- Commissioner Gedanken made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation issue, the premature disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the interest of Hardwick Electric. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board went into Executive Session at 5:25 pm.
- The Board returned to regular session at 5:51 pm, no action was taken.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 PM.


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Date


Commissioner Signature


Date