

**HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 (6:00 PM)

Attendees	Virtual (via Zoom)
Commissioner Michael Ambrosino	Commissioner Lynne Gedanken (Chair)
Commissioner Renaud Demers	Heather D'Arcy, VPPSA
Commissioner Myles Kamisher-Koch	Liam Murphy, Esq., MSK Attorney
Commissioner Roger Prevot	
HED General Manager, Sarah Braese	
HED Controller & Business Office Supervisor (CBOS) Beth Essary	
Ken Nolan, VPPSA	
Select Board Chair, Eric Remick	
Will Marlier, Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District (OCNRCD)	
[Partial Attendance]	
Hardwick Town Manager, David Upson	

- Call to Order: Commissioner Gedanken called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
- There were no changes to the agenda.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Commissioner Gedanken noted a typographical error to be corrected. Motion passed unanimously.
- There were no members of the public present and no public comment.
- HED CBOS Essary presented monthly financial reports and the Special Construction Report with brief discussion. No action was taken.
- HED CBOS Essary presented documents for the Vermont Bond Bank Loan. Commissioner Prevot made a motion to approve the Vermont Bond Bank loan for \$368,000 and the related documents, Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- General Manager Braese reviewed the information provided to the Board regarding the proposed rate increase as developed and reported by VPPSA. Commissioner Ambrosino made a motion to approve the application for a 13.24% increase in HED rates. Commissioner Demers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- General Manager Braese provided additional information about the Integrated Resource Plan, for which a draft had been provided to the board. Commissioner Ambrosino made a motion to approve the IRP draft as is subject to comments from the Commissioners which will be sent to

General Manager Braese, who will evaluate them to see if there are any changes that the Board needs to adopt or if there are any issues that need to be addressed by another meeting of the Commissioners. Commissioner Prevot seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- VPPSA representatives Ken Nolan and Heather D’Arcy participated in the discussion regarding power operations and energy resources. No action was taken.
- General Manager Braese presented highlights of the monthly Business & Operations Informational Reports with brief discussion. No action was taken.
- General Manager Braese and Will Marnier, OCNRCD, supplied information regarding the Caspian Lake Memorandum of Understanding. Approval of the MOU was moved to next regularly scheduled board meeting. Commissioner Prevot made a motion to provide authorization to OCNRCD to proceed with grant applications for the funding of the beach project. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Kamisher-Koch made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter, the premature disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the interest of Hardwick Electric. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed. The board entered Executive Session at 7:46 pm, with the invitation of Attorney Murphy, Town Manager Upson, Select Board Chair Remick, General Manager Braese, and CBOS Essary to attend.
- The Board exited Executive Session at 7:59 pm. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Ambrosino made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kamisher-Koch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Recorder

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Commissioner

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