

Minutes:

Stowe Electric Commissioners' Meeting
February 22, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at Town of Stowe Electric Conference Room

Present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Richard ("Dick") Marron (via telephone), Chairman; Larry Lackey, Vice-Chairman; Denise Gutstein, Commissioner

STAFF: Ellen Burt, General Manager; Matthew Rutherford, Manager of Regulatory Compliance; David Kresock, Director of Operations; Lily Burgess, Clerk of the Board

GUEST: Doug White, Stowe ratepayer
Ed French, SED attorney

Larry called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

On motion made and seconded, the Agenda was adopted.

Approval of the January 18th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of January 18, 2017 were approved.

Doug White

Larry made Doug White aware that SED counsel Ed French was on the phone, and Doug indicated that he was okay with that.

Doug purchased the property at 42 Upper Alger Road with a warrantied title. His attorney performed a complete title search on the property and made Doug aware of issues with the title. Doug stated he felt there was an uneased wire on buildable land on his small 0.6 acres lot. Fortunately, that is non-conforming with only 10' setbacks. Unfortunately, the Town requires 25'. Doug stated he met with SED staff on site to see if there is a path the underground wire can be re-routed to. He also indicated that the neighbor has no interest in being involved in this matter. Doug reiterated that he felt there was no easement for this underground line through his property and that an easement dated prior to the installation of the line existed for coming up the driveway, now known as Fairway Drive, to feed the development. Doug stated he felt that the two properties on Cape Cod Rd were also serviced by the uneased power line through his property. All pages, books and volumes refer to the developers of Alpine Meadows. Doug feels that the existing easements do not allow for crossing his property, it only allows to service a property at the edge of the existing

easements in place. He stated that there are easy solutions to his concerns and he feels that this is all coming down to money, as there is an easement in place for power to come up Fairway Drive. Doug has been maintaining the roads and the water system for the past 19 years. Doug stated that he has been wanting to build a garage on his property since the day he bought the property. Ellen asked Doug if he talked with his neighbor to see if he was interested in giving Doug the extra 2' of easement. Doug responded that they have a 10' set back each, and that SED requires 25', therefore they are at an impasse. There also is an old cedar grove on the property line. Estimates were quickly discussed. The water system feeding the area was discussed.

Doug exited the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Legal Matter (Executive Session)

The Board moved to go into Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. to discuss a legal matter and invited Ellen Burt, Matt Rutherford, David Kresock and Ed French (via telephone) to stay. The Board made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. and the motion carried. No actions or motions resulted from the Executive Session.

IT Report

Ellen stated that SED's networking devices have been upgraded to include additional security and intrusion modules following the Burlington Electric Department incident. The camera surveillance system at the Nebraska Valley Solar Farm facing the gate, equipment and fence was discussed.

Regulatory Update

500 kW Solar Net Metering Projects: Moscow Road and Cady Hill: SED is now waiting on the Public Service Board order, and whether they deem the Cady Hill application as complete and therefore can move forward as is. The applicant is furthermore requesting that the Public Service Board assist in resolving the dispute regarding the System Impact Study by allowing the applicant to move backwards in the interconnection process and perform a preliminary Feasibility Study first. The Moscow Road solar project is expected to move forward.

Interval and Billing Data Transfer: PSB Docket 8316: Even though VEIC would have preferred to come to a speedy conclusion through conversation, it became clear to SED and the Public Service Department that there are too many concerns for that approach. The issues necessitate that the Distribution Utilities ("DU) take a longer amount of time to take a harder look at what VEIC exactly is looking for, what they need the data for, what the intended use for the data is and what control the DUs will have over that information. The DUs presented VEIC with a document outlining the breadth of their concerns as they feel that everyone's issues will be best addressed when done so collectively. A cyber security meeting with technical staff from the DU and from VEIC, as well as a representative from the Public Service Department is scheduled for March 8th to discuss the present safety protocols in place, which would be utilized when receiving and transmitting any of the data

that VEIC has requested. This is especially relevant because the additional data in this request includes customer identifying information and therefore requires that the DUs do their due diligence to ensure the privacy of their customers.

Operations Report

The South Main Street project is progressing very well, SED has completed the transfer work on the five new poles and is now waiting on Stowe Cable and FairPoint to finish their work. David reported on VELCO's GeoDE mapping program, which is a precursor to a SCAIDA system. The GeoDE mapping program allows David and Silas to look at most of SED's system on their cell phones. The outages on January 24th and 25th due to the storm and the heavily weighted-down pine tree limbs by the mixed precipitation were discussed. Double pole sets left in the SED system by FairPoint and the transfer of old poles were discussed.

Personnel (Executive Session)

The Board moved to go into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:02 a.m. and the motion carried. No actions or motions resulted from the Executive Session.

Other Business

The Board scheduled the next Commissioners' meeting for Wednesday, March 22nd at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lily Burgess
Clerk of the Board