

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee Meeting

Date: March 22, 2018

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Mayor's Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall, 140 Main Street

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Agenda:

1. Review the October 18, 2017 Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee Meeting Minutes – Ossing
2. City Council Update (Review October 30, 2017 Council agenda items #4 and #18) – Ossing
3. Review bids for next six months of electricity supply (May 2018 to November 2018) – Colonial Power
4. Update on the DPU approval process for the Amended City Municipal Aggregation Plan submitted in April 2017 – Colonial Power
5. Other Business – All

THE LISTING OF TOPICS THAT THE CHAIR REASONABLY ANTICIPATES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IS NOT INTENDED AS A GUARANTEE OF THE TOPICS THAT WILL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. NOT ALL TOPICS LISTED MAY IN FACT BE DISCUSSED, AND OTHER TOPICS NOT LISTED MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

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Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2017

The Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee met on October 18, 2017 from 3:01 PM to 3:20 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room. The following individuals were in attendance:

Ad-Hoc Municipal Committee members:

- DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni
- City Council President Ed Clancy
- Chief Procurement Officer Beverly Sleeper
- Mayor Arthur Vigeant
- City Councilor Michael Ossing (Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee)

Additional individuals at the meeting:

- City Solicitor Don Rider
- Colonial Power Representative Mark Cappadona
- Colonial Power Representative Denise Allard

The following items were discussed:

- 1. Minutes of the September 20, 2017 Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee meeting.**
 - The committee approved the meeting minutes (amended to identify members that were not in attendance) and will submit to the City Council for information.
- 2. Review bids for the next six months of electricity supply (November 2017 – April 2018):**
 - Colonial Power presented a spreadsheet with the four vendors who submitted bids to supply the City with electricity for the six-month period from November 2017 to April 2018.
 - Colonial Power indicated that the National Grid Fixed Basic Service rate for this period was 0.12673 \$/kw-hr
 - The Committee reviewed the bids and unanimously selected Verde Energy USA as the supplier for the November 2017 – April 2018 period with a 5 – 0 vote. Verde Energy USA was the lowest bidder with a fixed price electricity supply rate of 0.10900 \$/kw-hr.
 - Assuming a residential customer uses 1000 kw/month, the resident would save \$17.73 each month over the National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rate.
 - The Committee noted the following:
 - If the resident uses National Grid Fixed Basic Service rate, the 1000 kw/month would cost \$126.73. The current Trans Canada rate (0.09165 \$/kw-hr – which expires October 2017) means the resident pays \$91.65 per month for 1000 kw. Residents paying the current Trans Canada rate would see a \$35.08 a month increase in their electricity supplier portion of their electricity bill in December if they use the National Grid Fixed Basis Service Rate.
 - If the resident uses Verde Energy USA, the 1000 kw/month would cost \$109.00. Residents paying the current Trans Canada rate would see a \$17.35 increase in their electricity supplier portion of their electricity bill in December if they use the Verde Energy USA through the City's Aggregation plan.

- Bottom line, the electricity supply portion of the bill is increasing for the November 2017 – April 2018 period. The residents who participate in the municipal aggregation will save money over the National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rate.
- 3. Update on DPU approval process for the amended City Municipal Aggregation plan submitted in April 2017.**
- The following actions have taken place since April 2017:
 - April 20, 2017 – The plan was filed with the DPU.
 - July 13, 2017 – The DPU held a public hearing – no one spoke in opposition to the plan.
 - August 28, 2017 – The City responded to the DPU requests for additional information
 - The City is now waiting for the DPU approval of the plan which is anticipated before the end of the year.
- 4. Other Business.**
- The April 3, September 20 and October 18, 2017 Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee meeting minutes will be submitted to the City Clerk for addition to a future City Council agenda.
 - The Chairman will prepare a letter to the City Council informing the Council of the actions of the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee regarding the new rates and vendor for the November 2017 to April 2018 period.
 - The next meeting of the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee will be scheduled for the March 2018 period to discuss residential electricity supply for the period of May 2018 to October 2018.

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REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2017

IN CITY COUNCIL
ABSENT:

CONVENED:
ADJOURNED:

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1. Minutes, City Council Meeting, October 16, 2017.
2. PUBLIC HEARING: On the Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Designating and Authorizing Certain Councilors to Sign Special Permit Extension Agreements, Order No. 17-1007030.
3. Communication from the Mayor re: Taking of Land off Howe St. & Valley St.
4. Communication from Councilor Ossing re: Municipal Aggregation-Six Month Fixed Price Contract with Verde Energy USA, November 2017 through April 2018, X17-1006881 & X06-1001337A.
5. Communication from City Clerk, Lisa Thomas, re: Municipal Election Call, November 7, 2017.
6. Communication from Assistant City Solicitor, Cynthia Panagore Griffin re: Order of Taking by Eminent Domain of Easement at 493 Boston Post Rd. West & 505 Boston Post Rd. West, in proper legal form, Order No. 17-1007050.
7. Communication from the Planning Board re: Negative Recommendation of Proposed Zoning Amendment, Section 650-5 entitled "Definitions; word usage" and adding Section 650-37 "Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments and Retailers", Order No. 17-1006949B.
8. Apex Sign Request, IC Federal Credit Union, 160 Apex Dr. for two signs, Order No. 16/17-1006443.
9. Apex Sign Request, BB Kidz, 11-169 Apex Drive, Order No. 16/17-1006443.
10. Apex Sign Request, Zoots, 160 Apex Drive, Order No. 16/17-1006443.
11. Apex Sign Request, Primrose Car Wash, 22 Apex Drive, Order No. 16/17-1006443.
12. Apex Sign Request, T-Mobile, 180 Boston Post Rd. West (90 Apex Dr.), for two signs, Order No. 16/17-1006443.
13. Application for Sign Special Permit, Mobile, 656 Boston Post Rd. East, in which the four manual price panels will be removed and replaced with two LED price panels for regular and diesel prices.
14. Application for Sign Special Permit, Halfway Café, 820 Boston Post Rd., for proposed new 90" x 96" x 15" double sided U.L. listed LED internally illuminated sign w/ 31" x 66" electronic message board.
15. Communication from MA State Lottery Commission re: Marlboro Wine & Spirit, 44 Boston Post Rd. West, Keno to Go product.
16. Minutes, Council on Aging, May 9, June 13, & September 12, 2017.
17. Minutes, Planning Board, September 25, 2017.
18. Minutes, Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee, April 3, September 20, & October 18, 2017.
19. Minutes, Traffic Commission, August 29, & September 26, 2017.
20. CLAIMS:
 - a. Wen-Yu Hsiao, 5239 Timberview Way, pothole or other road defect.
 - b. John Narahara, 208 Kelleher St., pothole or other road defect.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

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City Councilor-at-Large
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Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752
(508) 460-3711 TDD (508) 460-3610

October 23, 2017

President and Members
Marlborough City Council
City Hall
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: Municipal Aggregation - Six Month Fixed Price Contract with Verde Energy USA
November 2017 through April 2018

Dear Honorable Members:

In accordance with Order No.17-1006881, this correspondence informs the City Council that the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee has approved a six-month fixed price contract with Verde Energy USA that will have electricity rates lower than the National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rates.

- . National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rate = 0.12673 \$/kw-hr
- . Verde Energy USA Rate = 0.10900 \$/kw-hr
- . Will SAVE Marlboro residential rate payers 0.01773 \$/kw-hr

The new rates will be in effect from the November 2017 meter reads through the April 2018 meter reads.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Ossing
Chairman Ad Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee



IN CITY COUNCIL

Marlborough, Mass., APRIL 10, 2017

ORDERED:

On March 23, 2017, the AD-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee recommended the City Council approve the following Municipal Aggregation order. This order clarifies how the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee functions and incorporates the changes required after 10 years of the City participating in Municipal Aggregation.

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Be and is herewith **APPROVED**.

ADOPTED

In City Council

Order No. 17-1006881

X06-1001337A

Approved by Mayor

Arthur G. Vigeant

Date: April 13, 2017

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ATTEST:

John M. Thomas
City Clerk