

HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 (6:00 PM)

Attendees

Virtual (via Zoom)

Commissioner Renaud Demers
Commissioner Roger Prevot
Commissioner Myles Kamisher-Koch
Commissioner Jake Lester
HED General Manager, Sarah Braese
Ken Nolan, VPPSA

Commissioner Michael Ambrosino
Steve Farman, VPPSA
David Upson, Town of Hardwick
Eric Remick, Town of Hardwick Select Board

- Call to Order: GM Braese at 6:04 pm.
- By unanimous vote Commissioner Ambrosino was elected Chair, and Commissioner Kamisher-Koch was elected Vice-Chair.
- Commissioner Ambrosino made a motion to the Agenda as is. Commissioner Kamisher-Koch requested the addition of an Executive Session for a personnel matter and an Executive Session for a customer matter. GM Braese requested the opportunity for Steve Farman from VPPSA to present on the rate case public hearing.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2025 regular meeting. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- GM Braese recognized new Commissioner Jake Lester.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion that the Town of Hardwick Manager be the alternative representative of Hardwick Electric Department for the VPPSA Board of Directors meetings. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion was held as to who from Hardwick Electric Department would attend the monthly Town Select Board Meetings August through December 2025. GM Braese will be attending alternate months, and Commissioners will be attending months in which GM Braese will not be attending. August—GM Braese. September—Commissioner Demers. October—GM Braese. November—Commissioner Kamisher-Koch. December—TBD.
- GM Braese presented information regarding the Craftsbury circuit ROW reclamation. Commissioner Prevot made a motion to approve the ROW clearance project for receiving additional bids until there are a minimum of three (3) bids in total, and the ultimate bid that is accepted be no more than the first bid received, and that GM Braese can move forward in executing this project. Commissioner Ambrosino seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- GM Braese mentioned the Financial Reports. Commissioner Prevot requested more information regarding Transmission Expense, and more detailed information about cash flow expenditures. No action was taken.
- Ken Nolan, VPPSA General Manager provided orientation information about VPPSA.
- GM Braese reviewed briefly the General Manager Reports.
- Commissioner Ambrosino made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a confidential personnel matter, the premature disclosure of which could be detrimental to Hardwick Electric. Commissioner Kamisher-Koch seconded the motion. Motion passed. The board entered Executive Session at 8:15 pm with invitation to GM Braese and Eric Remick to attend.
- The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:40 pm. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Kamisher-Koch made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a customer matter. Commissioner Prevot seconded the motion. Motion passed. The board entered Executive Session at 8:40 pm with invitation to GM Braese and Eric Remick to attend.

- The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:50 pm. No Board action was taken.
- Commissioner Prevot made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Demers seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Beth Essary
Recorder

[Signature]
Commissioner

9/17/25
Date

8/19/25
Date