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NAED is one of only forty-one (41) municipal electric departments within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are committed to promoting the interests of "Public Power" on behalf of the citizens of this community.

# Monthly Update of North Attleborough Electric Department's Activities

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Electric Commissioners, and the North Attleborough Electric Department, we wish you a happy holiday season. It is a pleasure to provide this month's update relative to NAED events and activities.

### I. BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

For the forthcoming year the Board of Electric Commissioners is constituted as follows:

Charles Mottinger Chairman
Brett Langille Secretary
Edward Vandette Member

## II. COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The Board of Electric Commissioners met on November 12, 2015 and again on November 18, 2015

At its November 12, 2015 meeting the Board began the process of meeting with division managers and discussing the managers' 3 Year Strategic Plans, and budget/Capital recommendations relative to our Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. NAED's fiscal year is a calendar year.

The Board met with GIS Manager Heather Cabral to discuss her plans and recommendations for FY 2016.

In addition to meeting with Ms. Cabral, the Board met with Tim Blodgett, President of Hometown, Inc. (a subsidiary of the American Public Power Association (APPA). Mr. Blodgett reviewed with the Board his presentation regarding the future challenges faced by public power entities, such as NAED. Earlier in the day Mr. Blodgett presented his information to NAED staff and conducted a workshop on strategic planning.

On November 18, 2015 the Board met with Chris Mitchell (Project Manager) and Peter Kiley (IT Manager) relative to their FY 2016 plans.

The Board also met with Paul Allen of Hometown, Inc. about the "RP3 Program" which is a national program sponsored by APPA designed to recognize the efforts of public power organizations, such as NAED, relative to their efforts to improve electric distribution systems, planning and workflow safety and training. NAED has been awarded the RP3designation continuously since 2008. Our next application will be submitted next year.

NAED is very proud of receiving the recognition from the APPA, as we are of only five (5) municipal electric departments who have been so designated.

### III. NAED ANNOUNCES "WINTER HARDSHIP" PERIOD COMMENCES

Chairman of the Board of Electric Commissioners, Charles Mottinger, has noted that NAED's "Winter Protection" period began on November 15, 2015 and will continue until March 15, 2016, inclusive. Winter protection is afforded during this period of time to NAED customers unable to pay due to financial hardships and whose current service is not currently shut off for nonpayment.

Applicants for "Winter Protection" must provide appropriate information to NAED prior to being "protected".

Any customers interested in learning more about the program - please contact NAED at 508-643-6300.

### IV. CALENDAR CONTEST CALENDARS AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER

The annual "Calendar Contest Calendars" will be available at NAED by mid- December, 2015. The calendars will also be distributed throughout the NA schools.

The Board of Electric Commissioners on October 28, 2015 hosted the winners of NAED's annual calendar contest. The annual event is held in October because the month of October is designated as "Public Power Month" and NAED is one of approximately 2,100 public power organizations in the United States. Annually, NAED sponsors, in conjunction with the North Attleboro School Department and St. Mary's Sacred Heart School, an annual calendar contest. Third and Fourth graders create drawings about the importance of electricity and the selected winners receive certificates and recognition at an October meeting of the Board of Electric Commissioners.

The theme for this year's contest was, <u>"The Future of Electricity"</u>. The winning drawings will be featured in NAED's "2016 Energy Smart" calendars, which will be available in December, 2015.

In addition to the members of the Board of Electric Commissioners the quality of the art work by the children was recognized by State Representative Elizabeth Poirier, School Department Facilities Director, Kyle Kummer, Town Administrator Michael Gallagher and Board of Selectmen members, Joan Marchitto and Patrick Reynolds.

This year's winning artists are:

Sneha Rathor – Grade 4 – Martin School
Ella O'Brien – Grade 4 – Amvet Boulevard School
Aanshi Agrawal – Grade 3 – Martin School
Katrina Landry – Grade 4 – St. Mary Sacred Heart
Nicolann Jeremie – Grade 4 – Community School
Sulaf Hourani – Grade 3 – Roosevelt Avenue School
Jacqueline Carfagna – Grade 3 – Falls School
Madison Bearer – Grade 3 – Falls School
Sophia Edge – Grade 4 – Community School
Emilee Davis – Grade 3 – St. Mary Sacred Heart
Amulya Rao – Grade 3 – Martin School
Eashan Rozario – Grade 4 – Martin School
Emily Engler – Grade 4 – Amvet Boulevard School

#### V. SOLAR PROJECTS

Solar energy, in the form of "rooftop solar" is coming to North Attleborough. NAED currently has six (6) customers who are using solar energy. The customers include four (4) residential and two (2) commercial. The department is also evaluating other proposals. Any questions about this matter may be directed to John Miller, System Engineer at 508-643-6300.

### VI. NAED AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

NAED supports energy conservation and has "energy efficiency programs" that can benefit customers by helping to lower energy consumption and costs. Call NAED, 508-643-6310 for information.

Please continue to remember our fellow citizens who are defending our country throughout the world. As always, should you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact me at 508.643.6300.

Sincerely,

James C. Moynihan General Manager