

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2015**

**Present:** Board members, Win Handy, Anthony Meola, William Smith, and GM Jonathan Fitch were present. Jim Goulet was present to discuss the annual 2014 financial audit.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Commissioner Smith

**Agenda:** The Board reviewed and approved the agenda

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board (Commissioners Handy & Meola only) reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of May 5, 2015.

**Financial Statements:** The Board reviewed the FY2014 financial audit completed by Goulet, Salvidio & Associates P.C. Jim Goulet discussed with the Board the highlights of the financial audit.

**Power Costs/PPA:** The GM and Board reviewed April 2015 actual power and transmission expenses which were lower than budgeted which resulted in WBMLP providing a PPA credit of \$.02/kWh in this month's bill.

\$.0754 April 2015 Actual

\$.0940 April 2015 Budgeted

\$.0975 April 2014 Actual

**MassDEP CES Regulations:** The GM told the Board that Public hearings on MassDEP's Clean Energy Standard (CES) are postponed indefinitely. WBMLP will keep track of this legislation and similar federal legislation.

**Holden/West Boylston Dispatch:** The GM and Board discussed assisting the WB Fire/Police Department to physically connect to the new regional dispatch in Holden via a fiber line installed from dispatch to dispatch. This potential project may be partially funded by the regional 911/Dispatch. WBMLP would donate approximately \$22k in labor and equipment for the project.

**Distributed Generation:** The GM gave the Board an update on a potential distributed generation project. WBMLP is investigating the feasibility of installing a 1.5-3MW natural gas generator at our substation to reduce load, reduce transmission expenses, generate energy during high cost hours, and provide emergency backup to our distribution system.

**Hancock Wind:** The Board and GM discussed the status of the Hancock Wind project to install Vestas V117, 3.3-MW turbines mounted at 574'. Construction started on or about July 31 of this year. WBMLP is purchasing approximately 1,400,000 kWh's annually (2.4%) for \$.057/kWh over 25 years.

**Solar Project:** WBMLP is still waiting for the BOS to decide on how we can use the landfill for a utility solar project.

**Building Renovation:** The architect is developing design drawings for the oldest office space area. He will incorporate the upgrade requirements for fire suppression, alarm, and potentially handicap access.

**Other:** None

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:30pm. Next meeting is July 7, 2015.

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Anthony Meola Jr,

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Winthrop Handy

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William Smith