

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, July 7, 2015**

**Present:** Board members, Wind Handy, Anthony Meola, William Smith, GM Jonathan Fitch were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Commissioner Handy

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

**Financial Statements:** The Board and GM reviewed and discussed the FY2015 financials to date. Commissioner Meola requested the GM to provide details about the workers compensation invoice.

**Rates:** The GM gave the Board a residential rate comparison for Massachusetts, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2015. The Board reviewed and discussed WBMLP's low rates.

**Power Costs/PPA:** The GM gave the Board spreadsheets detailing May 2015 power and transmission expenses. The GM told the Board they were much lower than expected due to lower temperatures. The GM prepared and gave the Board to review and discuss, WBMLP's FY2016 Power and transmission draft budget.

**MassDEP CES Regulations:** WBMLP continues to monitor MassDEP's Clean Energy Standard (CES) and the federal government Clean Energy Plan (CEP) to determine if either will impact our power portfolio and budget.

**Holden/West Boylston Dispatch:** The Board and GM discussed WBMLP's potential project to install a fiber line from WB dispatch to Holden for communications to make the regional dispatch system work. 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:** GM updated the Board about 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.

**Solar Project:** The Board discussed WBMLPs offer the Town to pay the \$8k annual maintenance contract in order to use the capped landfill for a solar system. The Town countered with a request for an additional \$10k annually to use the land.

As a contingency plan, WBMLP secured MassDEP approval for a Community Shared Solar project concept which could be installed on the landfill or the MLP's land on Paul Tivnan Drive.

The Board instructed the GM to pursue installing a solar project on WBMLP land for now.

**Building Renovation:** The GM gave the Board an update on the main office renovations. WBMLP will remove the main office rug and asbestos tile. This needs to occur before new carpet can be installed.

**Oakdale Hydro:** The GM told the Board he contacted MWRA to discuss a PPA for Oakdale Hydro. The GM would like to offer the MWRA a 10 year PPA for the output of the Oakdale Hydro facility on River Rd. The Board instructed the GM to make a proposal to MWRA which would be discussed and considered by the Board at a later date.

**Other:** None

The Board meeting adjourned at 630pm.

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Anthony Meola Jr,

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Winthrop Handy

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William Smith