

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, September 1, 2015.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:25pm by Commissioner Handy

**Agenda:** The Board reviewed and approved the agenda with one addition.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of August 11, 2015.

**Financial Statements:** The Board reviewed and discussed the FY2015 financial statement and bank balances to date.

**Power Costs/PPA:** The GM gave the Board on summary of the July 2015 power and transmission expenses, which were much lower than expected due to lower temperatures, lower market energy rates, and project budget annual refund.

**Berkshire Wind:** The GM presented to the Board an expansion project of Berkshire Wind site. The project has space for 2-3 additional turbines. WBMLP could participate and receive approximately 300-450kW of additional power from this new project.

The Board discussed West Boylston's participation in the potential project, the type of GE turbines considered, and the high legal costs resulting from the land court case that delayed the first project.

**Solar Project:** The Board discussed the use of the landfill site for the next solar system.

**Workers Compensation Insurance:** Commissioner Meola had an invoice question regarding our Workers Compensation bill. The GM provided the following billing history. As WBMLP's claim history improves our annual premium is reduced.

2012 \$9,660  
2013 \$9,540  
2014 \$7,994  
2015 \$6,750

**Distributed Generation:** The Board discussed the feasibility of installing a 1.5-3MW natural gas generator to reduce load, reduce transmission expenses, generate energy during high cost hours, and provide emergency backup to our distribution system.

**1936 Era Building Renovation:** The architect is still developing design drawings for the oldest office space area.

**Main Office:** WBMLP will remove the main office asbestos tiles in front of the counter and replace with new tile.

**Oakdale Hydro:** MWRA is still reviewing and preparing a counter offer to our 10 year PPA for the output of the Oakdale Hydro facility on River Rd.

**Customer Issues:** The GM told the Board that the underground direct buried electric service to 301 and 307 Prospect was replaced and repaired.

**Other:** None

**The Board meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.**

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**Anthony Meola Jr,**

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**Winthrop Handy**

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**William Smith**