

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2015

Present: Board members, Win Handy, Anthony Meola, William Smith, and GM Jonathan Fitch were present. Representatives from Energy Choice were present as well.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Commissioner Handy

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda

Meeting Minutes: None discussed or approved.

Financial Statements: FY2015 financial statement and bank balances to date were not discussed at this meeting.

Solar Project: Mr. Fitch gave the Board a project update. WBMLP received favorable reviews from the Conservation Commission, DCR (wetlands protection act), and Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. Work will begin preparing the site civil design for the next set of permits and RFP.

911/Dispatch Fiber: The Board discussed WBMLP's cost estimate and design to install approximately 6.2 miles of aerial fiber on approximately 230 utility poles from WBMLP to Holden. The project is based on WBMLP donating its labor and equipment to install the fiber and hardware along the selected route. 911/Dispatch will pay for the fiber, material, and splicing.

Distributed Generation: The Board received a presentation from Energy Choice, investigating the economic feasibility of installing a 2MW natural gas generator within our system to reduce load, reduce transmission expenses, generate energy during high cost hours, and provide emergency backup to our distribution system.

WBMLP Debt Amounts: The Board requested and discussed the current loan/debt balances for the substation, solar coop, and MMWEC projects.

Fork Lift: Mr. Fitch requested authorization to replace our 1957 era forklift with a low hour, well maintained, used unit for approximately \$7k. New units cost \$20k. The Board approved the purchase of a used forklift up to \$7k.

Customer Account Payables: The Board reviewed and discussed some of the highest overdue accounts.

Other: None

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

Winthrop Handy

William Smith