

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Agenda, 4:30pm, October 16, 2024

Location: 140 Worcester Street, Town Hall, Land Use Meeting Room

Agenda: Please approve the agenda with any changes or corrections.

2023 Financial Audit: The FY2023 external audit is complete. Goulet, Salvidio & Associates P.C. will discuss and review the FY2023 audit with the Board.

Meeting Minutes: Review and approve the meeting minutes from March 12, 2024 and April 2, 2024.

Board Member Resignation: Winthrop Handy resigned effective August 13, 2024. WBMLPs Board notified the BOS and requested a joint meeting to appoint a replacement commissioner. The joint board meeting is tonight, 6pm, October 16, 2024. A few residents have expressed interest so far and submitted the attached applications.

Customer Issues: TBD

New Development:

1. Century Dr: Potential for 7-9 commercial/industrial buildings
2. Shrine Ave (4) condo units under construction
3. 235 West Boylston St: Potential for commercial & apartment space

Police Department: The police department requested WBMP to install an electric service for lighting at the shooting range on Laurel Street.

Hurricane Milton Mutual Aid to Florida: WBMLP sent one line-crew to Florida in response to their request for mutual aid through NEPPA. The crew arrived in OUC last Tuesday and worked through Saturday before being released to return home Sunday morning. NEPPA membership provided a total of 37 personnel, made up of 15, 2-man crews, supervisors, safety supervisor and an overall coordinator.

Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) Public Info Forum: SELCO and WBMLP will host a customer presentation on ASHP (mini-splits) at the Shrewsbury Senior Center 10am-1pm, October 19, 2024.

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Temp Generator Set Update: The generator was removed September 4th. WBMLP was able to reduce demand on all three months of this project.

- June 20, HE17, ISO Capacity Peak and HE16 National Grid trans. peak
- July 16, HE18, National Grid peak
- August 1, HE18 National Grid peak

New Diesel Truck Sales Regulation: MassDEP regulations, effective January 1, 2025, phase out the sale of diesel medium and heavy-duty trucks in Massachusetts. Starting with 2025 models, manufacturers are required to sell zero-emission trucks as an increasing percentage of their annual sales from 2024 to 2035. By 2035, zero-emission truck/chassis sales would need to be 55% of Class 2b – 3 truck sales, 75% of Class 4 – 8 straight truck sales, and 40% of truck tractor sales. Most of our utility vehicles are class 4-8 vehicles (14,000-33,000+ GVW).

EMERGENCY MOTOR VEHICLE as used in 310 CMR 7.24(6), means any public or privately-owned motor vehicle used for the restoration or maintenance of electricity, gas, telephone, or other utilities essential to maintain public services during an emergency....

Exemptions. The following entities, facilities, or vehicles are exempt from the requirements of 310 CMR 7.41: (c) Emergency vehicles.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): Project update for the 3MW/9MWh BESS project under construction.

Municipal Fiber Network: The municipal building fiber design was finished, and a list of materials was ordered. Once all the materials arrive, WBMLP and Phoenix will install fiber to the senior center, DPW, library, substation, and middle/high school. Afterwards WBMLP will meet with the town's IT consultant and coordinate the installation of headend equipment at each municipal building.