

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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**Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Agenda, 5:00pm,  
November 12, 2024,** 29 Prospect Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room.

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

**Meeting Minutes:** Review and approve the meeting minutes from May 7, 2024 and June 18, 2024.

**Customer Issues:** TBD

**Fincom Mtg:** 6:45pm, November 14, 2024.

**2024 Customer Liens:** WBMLP will apply approximately (20) customer liens totaling approximately \$36k.

**2024 Financial Audit:** WBMLP's 2024 financial audit starts November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**New Development:**

1. Century Dr: Potential for 7-9 commercial/industrial buildings
2. 235 West Boylston St: Potential for commercial & apartment space
3. Hartwell & Shrewsbury Street. Potential for 2-3 commercial bldgs.
4. 180 Beaman St: Multiple level II EV chargers at DCR parking lot

**Police Department:** The police department requested WBMP to install an electric service for lighting at the shooting range on Laurel Street. \$35k.

**New Forklift Snow Blower.** WBMLP would like to replace our Clark 1996 forklift with a new skid-steer with forklift, bucket, and snow blower attachments. \$75K.

**Temp Generator Set Update:** This summer's generator rental resulted in an estimated \$86,108 in transmission and capacity cost savings.

- June 20, HE16 National Grid transmission peak
- July 16, HE18, National Grid and ISO Capacity Peak
- August 1, HE18 National Grid peak
- September 1, HE18, National Grid Peak

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**Seabrook Refund:** WBMLP received a \$22,151.57 reimbursement from the US Department of Energy (DOE) related to the DOE settlement with the nuclear units to reimburse the ongoing costs of constructing and maintaining spent fuel facilities.

**Municipal Fiber Network:** WBMLP ordered and is receiving all the fiber and associated equipment to interconnect the municipal buildings. Once we receive all the fiber equipment WBMLP will coordinate the fiber installation and headend equipment for each municipal building.

**Large Building Energy Reporting:** MA DOER proposes to mandate the reporting of large customer annual energy use and cost. Applies to large buildings over 20,000 sq-ft. DOER cites MGL Chapter 25A, Section 20 as enabling legislation, but it never mentions MLPs. It only requires “electric, gas and steam distribution company” to report. WBMLP submitted comments to DOER.

**New Diesel Truck Sales Regulation:** MassDEP regulation goes into effect January 1, 2025 which gradually phases out the sale of diesel medium- and heavy-duty trucks in MA. Starting in 2025, manufacturers are required to sell zero-emission trucks as an increasing percentage of annual sales from 2025 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).

MLPs believe our vehicles are exempt from 310 CMR 7.41 based on the definition of emergency motor vehicle (310 CMR 7.24: exempts 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).

**Off-Shore Wind:** The 791MW New England Wind I proposal by Avangrid was selected in the Massachusetts offshore wind procurement RFP. Prices will not be made public until early 2025. MMWEC negotiated an option to purchase up to 50MW for MLP members. This project could become operational in 2029.

**2025-2028 Energy and Transmission Budget:** WBMLP prepared the attached power and transmission budget for 2025 thru 2028.

**Clean Heat Standard:** MA MLP’s are still discussing the MassDEP proposed regulation called the Clean Heat Standard (CHS) applicable to all utilities, delivered fuel companies, and MLPs. MA MLPs do not believe MassDEP has the

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legislative authority to regulate MLPs under a CHS and are prepared to file suit against MassDEP.

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