

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Agenda

5:00pm, October 7, 2025, 29 Prospect Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

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

Meeting Minutes: Review and approve meeting minutes from June 10, 2025.

Customer Issues:

- 23 Shrewsbury Street. Customer sent the Board a letter requesting removal of a dead ash tree. The dead tree is on private property according to DPW. WBMLP does not consider the tree a significant risk.
- 51 Lancaster Street. WBMLP installed a new private property pole, 13-1, adjacent to existing old pole. This pole supports the overhead utilities to the home. WBMLP had already transferred our overhead conductors. Charter transferred their overhead cable on September 22nd. Once Charter transferred cable off the old pole, it fell over on customers parked car.

Financials: Review attached income statement to date through August 2025.

Senior Center: WBMLP will meet the Senior Men's Breakfast Group to discuss WBMLP at 9am, October 16th. WBMLP will provide coffee and donuts.

Touch A Truck: WBMLP will participate in the Touch-A-Truck Community Event at 10:30am – 12:00pm, October 19th with the police and fire departments.

New Development:

- Century Drive: Site work underway for 7-9 commercial/industrial buildings.
- 235-249 West Boylston Street: Received ZBA Comprehensive Permit for three buildings. One building off Pierce Street will have 60 apartments. Two buildings off West Boylston Street with 10 apartments and (3) commercial spaces each.
- 244-264 West Boylston Street: Received ZBA Special Permit for a new Dunkin Donuts between CVS and existing Dunkin Donuts.
- Hartwell & Shrewsbury Street: 3rd (8) unit commercial building is under construction.

Trash Bill Service: Town requests WBMLP to consider providing monthly fixed fee trash billing and collections for approximately 2,500 residential properties in town. WBMLP would set up a new trash provider in our billing system, format

our bills with the additional line item for trash and open all our existing payment channels for trash payments.

Flail Head Cutter Purchase: Consider the purchase, 50/50%, a rotary and flail head mower attachment for the DPW's front loader. The total cost is approx. \$191k. The cutter has a 24' reach and would mow roadside ROW's and minimize the annual cost of trimming and cutting by our outsourced tree contractors.

Tree Trimming RFP: Dillon Tree started the tree trimming for cycle 1 (northeastern corner of town) of our overhead electrical distribution lines.

Ripple Fiber: WBMLP is working in the southwestern portion of town adjacent to Holden. WBMLP drafted a conduit agreement with Ripple Fiber to use our conduits under the (2) Mass Highway Route 190 bridges. Ripple will connect and provide ISP service at pole 49 woodland Street which is connected to our headend. Ripple will shift their design to aerial pole attachments on our utility poles during the winter.

Municipal ISP and Fiber Network: Headend equipment is installed. Waiting on Ripple's ISP service. The tie-in location is pole-49 Woodland Street. Holden town line. WBMLP is exchanging conduit access and pole attachment fees for ISP quality internet service.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): Project is currently under construction and all equipment is installed. Testing and commissioning are underway. We anticipate a commercial operation date by the end of October 2025.

Rate Study: WBMLP prepared a Cost of Service (COS) to review electricity rates that haven't significantly changed since 2009/2014. The items to consider changing are:

- Increasing Monthly Customer Charge to recover increased fixed expenses independent of energy sales. Increase \$2-3/year.
- Reducing or eliminating the 10% Early Payment Discount on residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Phase out and reduce by 5% per year.
- Reducing or eliminating the 15% Early Payment Discount on senior residential customers. Phase out and reduce 5% per year.
- Increasing small government, security lights, large commercial, industrial, large municipal, and municipal industrial variable rates (\$/kWh) by approximately 4%.