

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Agenda

5:00pm, December 9, 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 September 2, 2025.

Customer Issues:

- Hillside Village Streetlight Repair Cost

Financials: Review attached income statement through October 2025.

Banners and Holiday Wreaths: Completed.

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. Demo DigSafe has been submitted.
- 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.

Tree Trimming RFP: Dillon Tree completed their tree trimming SOW.

Stetson Wind PPA: Consider approving a PPA with Stetson Wind I & II Projects located in Danforth ME. The PPA is 4 years starting in 2026 through 2029 for approximately 1,500 MWhs of annual energy and attributes. WBMLP additionally recommends the Board approve selling the environmental attributes to reduce the overall cost per kWh.

Brookfield Hydro: Consider approving the purchase of a 4-year energy hedge contract for firm (100% capacity factor) hydro energy and unit-specific ME Class II Hydro RECs attributes. The hedge will fill our estimated monthly open positions to 90% from 2026 through 2030. WBMLP also plans to sell the environmental attributes to reduce the overall cost per kWh.

Ripple Fiber: WBMLP is working throughout town installing both underground and aerial fiber. West Boylston residents are service.

Municipal ISP and Fiber Network: All headend equipment and town department equipment is installed and connected to WBMLP's fiber. The high school fiber was replaced Monday. It was cut by either a rodent or squirrel. Ripple's ISP service is activated and provisioned. WBMLP will coordinate with the town and school IT managers to schedule the change over from Spectrum accounts to WBMLP service.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): Commissioning of the BESS is complete and WBMLP provided Convergent permission to operate effective last Friday. WBMLP is monitoring hourly load data during charging and discharge to verify the monthly cost savings.

Rate Study: WBMLP increased our small commercial, large commercial, industrial, small government, and large government variable rates by 4% effective January 1, 2026. The rate changes were publicized in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette. Future changes may include:

- Increase Monthly Customer Charge to recover increased fixed expenses independent of energy sales.
- Reduce, eliminate, or phase out over time the 10% Early Payment Discount on residential, commercial, and industrial customers (i.e. phase out and reduce by 5% per year).
- Reduce, eliminate or phase out over time the 15% Early Payment Discount on senior residential customers.
- Requires E-bill, paperless billing, and ACH enrollment for early payment discount.