

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Agenda

5:00pm, March 3, 2026, 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 December 9, 2025.

Customer Issues: None

Financials: Review OPEB fund performance.

FY2025 Audit: WBMLP's financial audit is underway.

WRRS: The FY2027 Worcester Regional Retirement System assessments are due July 1, 2026. The assessment increased approximately 10% from last year. Last July 2025 WBMLP paid \$411,073. The new amount due is \$453,460.

2025 NextZero Results: See attached summary of residential rebates and incentives.

2025 Rate Comparison: See attached summary for 2025.

Health Insurance: Health insurance rates are expected to increase approximately 13.45% effective July 1, 2026. The annual cost to WBMLP will increase \$30,607.97 to \$258,208.13 for (6) employee family plans and (5) employee individual plans.

MassDEP and HDO Regulations: MassDEP proposes to amend/delay the HDO start year in 310 CMR 7.40(1)(d)4. from model year 2026 to 2027. Truck manufacturers have indicated for model year 2026 they do not have HDO-compliant vehicles for many truck applications and would need to restrict sales to comply with HDO, reducing the availability of trucks to a wide range of MA users.

New Development:

- Century Drive: Site work underway for 7-9 commercial/industrial buildings.
- 235-249 West Boylston Street: Site work started for one building off Pierce St. with 60 apartments, and two buildings off West Boylston St. with 10 apartments and (3) commercial spaces each.
- 244-264 West Boylston Street: New Dunkin Donuts between CVS and existing Dunkin Donuts. No work has started yet.

- 101R Hartwell St: Adding second 2,500kVA electric service.

Landfill Well Monitoring: WBMLP is assisting Town with groundwater inspections at the Town's Temple Street landfill. Tests results show water quality parameters that exceed standards. MassDEP requires additional and more frequent testing. WBMLP will continue to be responsibility for general O&M and monitoring of the cap, but the town is responsible for additional testing due to exceedances.

Ripple Fiber: WBMLP is continuing to work throughout town installing aerial fiber.

Municipal ISP and Fiber Network: WBMLP is operating on Ripple's service.

The town's IT provider connected all the departments/buildings except the library and schools. The two departments will take additional coordination since they utilize unique applications and existing contracts

Phoenix installed the backup fiber line between the high school and the elementary & middle school. The ends will be terminated by the end of the week.