



# WBMLP 2022/2023 Winter Update

As we approach winter, WBMLP wants to inform our customers about what to expect for rates, as well as update you about projects we're working on.

## 1 West Boylston's Electricity Rates

**Good news! West Boylston's electricity rates are not expected to significantly increase this winter.** West Boylston is fortunate to own its municipal light plant. WBMLP provides reliable and low-cost electricity, generated from increasingly clean and renewable resources.

One of the main reasons **WBMLP electricity rates have not increased since 2009** is because we own, or contract for a substantial portion of our energy supply over very long periods of time. This unique strategy means that **West Boylston consumers pay stable and affordable electricity rates.**

(For instance, one large electric utility in MA recently notified its customers that it plans to more-than-double its residential energy supply rate beginning Nov. 1!!! Their average customer will see their monthly electric bill jump 63% to roughly \$293 – compared to \$179 last winter.\*)

**Not at WBMLP!**

**Most of our Energy Supply is not directly affected by disruptions in the energy markets** caused by limited generation, fuel shortages, COVID pandemic, war, and weather. If we experience higher than budgeted energy and transmission costs during this winter, WBMLP will continue to implement relatively minor Purchase Power Adjustments – nothing major.

## 2 New Garage at 29 Prospect Street

**WBMLP is building a new 5-bay Utility Garage across the street from our current garage.**

This new facility will allow us to store our largest utility vehicles, plus a good portion of our inventory indoors. (The current garage was built in the 1960s and today's utility vehicles are getting too large to fit inside.) We plan to use our existing garage space for inventory of wire and transformers which will help secure these high-cost items and make them more readily available during rare outages.

**The new garage is mostly funded through an existing savings account** that WBMLP accumulated over time to pay for periodic capital purchases of equipment and buildings. The cost to construct the new garage is not expected to affect electricity rates.

## 3 Electrification

**WBMLP's very low electric rates mean our customers can heat and cool their homes and/or businesses with highly efficient and clean all-electric heat pump technology.** Converting from Oil, Propane, and Natural Gas to all-electric heat pumps (Mini-Splits) is efficient, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and noticeably decreases your annual operating costs since WBMLP's rates are so low.

You can lower your electricity bills by installing the most energy efficient appliances, hot water heaters, and HVAC systems. Check out all the rebates we offer at <https://nextzero.org/west-boylston>. Help us reach net-zero GHG emissions by 2050.

As always, watch for updates and announcements on our website at <https://wbmlp.org> and for frequent helpful posts on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/WestBoylstonElectric>.