

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes July 2, 2013**

**Present:** Board members, Anthony Meola, Winthrop Handy and William Smith, and GM Jonathan Fitch were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Chairman Anthony Meola

**Agenda:** The Board approved the agenda without changes

**2012 Financial Statements:** Goulet, Salvidio & Associates P.C., reviewed and discussed with Board the FY2012 annual audit.

**2013 Union Contract:** Mr. Fitch provided the Board an update on the union contract negotiations. The union provided a written set of proposals to review, consider and counter propose. The Board requested Mr. Fitch to prepare a counter proposal accepting the policy changes and offering a 1.5%, 2.0%, and 2.5% annual wage increase and 0% increase in the standby pay allowance.

**Solar Coop:** The WBMLP solar coop appointed Jonathan Fitch as Assistant Clerk. This will facilitate the filing of annual reports without hiring the clerk to perform the work.

**Footprint Power:** Mr. Fitch requested the Board to consider joining a special project through MMWEC for part ownership of potential natural gas power plant in Salem MA. The Board reviewed and discussed the project details provided by MMWEC. Commissioner Meola made a motion to approve special project 2013A. Commissioner Handy seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0, approving the Special Project 2013A Participation Acknowledgement Certificate.

**Garage Replacement:** Mr. Fitch gave the Board an updated on the construction project. The concrete apron and bollards will be completed next week. The garage doors need to be exchanged in two weeks.

**115kV Substation Replacement:** The Board received a project update from Mr. Fitch. The project is going well and there are no major issues. NGRID reenergize BMLP side of substation today.

Next Key Dates/Activities:

July 2-8	Energize switchgear, BMLP transformer & equipment
July 21	NGRID remove 115kV taps WBMLP side of substation
September 29	NGRID reenergize WBMLP side of substation

Security Camera Quote: \$4,950 each. The Board voted and approved the additional cost of the security cameras.

**Solar PPA:** Mr. Fitch told the Board that the town attorney and Borrego's attorney are still working on the land lease.

**Oakdale Hydro:** MMWEC's invoice for work related to the Oakdale Hydro billing dispute is approximately \$139k. Mr. Fitch is requesting Rubin and Rudman to review MMWEC's opinion justifying the ability to charge back WBMLP.

**Other:** None

**The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.**

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**Anthony Meola Jr,**

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**Winthrop Handy**

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**William Smith**