

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2015**

**Present:** Board members, Anthony Meola, Win Handy, and William Smith, GM Jonathan Fitch were present. Jim Goulet, CPA was present to deliver the FY2014 financial audit.

The meeting was called to order at 5:11pm by Commissioner Handy

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

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of March 3, 2015.

**Financial Statements:** The FY2014 Annual Audit and DPU report is complete. Jim Goulet presented the finished audit to the Board and reviewed the audit, highlighting the key financial aspects of WBMLP's performance in 2014.

**MassDEP CES Regulations:** MassDEP is continuing its efforts to implement a Clean Energy Standard (CES). Public hearings are scheduled on April 14, 15, and 16. The Worcester meeting is 1:00pm, April 15. The GM gave the Board on update on MEAM's legislative efforts to exclude MLP's from the CES. WBMLP and our attorney believe that MassDEP does not have the legal authority to impose the CES on MLP's.

**Holden/West Boylston Dispatch:** The Board was made aware of a potential fiber-optic cable install from West Boylston dispatch to Holden dispatch. This project helps form a regional dispatch system and WBMLP was requested to provide assistance in the form of aerial fiber plant on its utility poles. The GM will provide a cost estimate and project scope to the Board at the next meeting.

**Berkshire Wind:** The GM let the Board know that (1) gearbox failed in one GE wind turbine this spring at our wind coop site. It will be replaced under the warranty and insurance policy.

**Solar Project:** The GM and Board discussed the WB landfill solar project. The GM told the Board that the Selectmen were interested in using the landfill for this purpose. The Town requested a meeting with one board member from each board and the town administrator and GM on April 10th at 10:00am. Commissioner Smith volunteered to attend the meeting.

**Other:** Commissioner Handy would like the GM to contact MWRA to discuss a PPA for the Oakdale Hydro energy.

Next meeting is May 5, 2015. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

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Anthony Meola Jr,

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Winthrop Handy

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William Smith