

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Commissioner Smith

Agenda: The Board approved the agenda without changes.

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of April 7, 2015.

Financial Statements: The Board and GM reviewed and discussed the FY2015 financial statements to date, including the attached bank balances and two year income statement comparison as of February 2015.

MassDEP CES Regulations: The GM told the Board the public hearings on MassDEP's Clean Energy Standard (CES) are postponed indefinitely. Governor Baker issued an executive order postponing implementation of new regulations until a cost-benefit analysis is completed. The MLP's do not believe MassDEP has the legal authority to impose a CES on MLP's.

Holden/West Boylston Dispatch: The GM gave the Board a summary of the proposed project to connect to the new regional dispatch in Holden via a fiber optic line installed between town dispatches. This potential project may be partially funded by the regional 911/Dispatch. WBMLP would donate approximately \$22k in labor and equipment for the project.

Hancock Wind: Hancock Wind received approval to increase their turbine height from 512 to 574 feet. The project will use Vestas V117, 3.3-MW turbines. Construction will begin about July 31 of this year. WBMLP will purchase approximately 1,400,000 kWh's annually (2.4%) for \$.057/kWh over 25 years.

Ware River Hydro: WBMLP may be able to purchase some local hydro from the Ware River Hydro facilities. 1,700,000 kWh's are available for approximately \$06-.07 per kWh for 2-5 years. The (3) units are the

Webster, South Barre, and Powder Mill hydro units, located on the French and Ware River.

Solar Project: WBMLP is waiting for the BOS to decide on how we can use the landfill for a utility solar project. The GM sent the attached letter formally requesting the BOS to consider no cost to lease the land or a PILOT payment.

Reservoir Motor Lodge: Will be foreclosed and auctioned by the mortgage bank at 10:00am, May 14, 2015. The owner has a very large municipal lien on the property.

Building Renovation: WBMLP is investigating the design and renovation of the 1936 portion of the building. The GM will hire an architect to develop drawings and compile the different trades involved. The building may be required by the building inspector to upgrade for fire suppression, alarm, and potentially handicap access.

Next Meeting is June 2, 2015.

Other: The next set of LED street lights will be installed on Malden Street to see what the fixtures look like on back roads.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

NA

Winthrop Handy

William Smith