

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2015.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:14pm by Commissioner Handy

**Agenda:** The Board reviewed and approved the agenda with one addition. Commissioner Smith added Board positions to agenda.

The Board members discussed changing positions on the board. The Commissioners motioned, seconded, and voted to approve Commissioner Handy as secretary, Commissioner Meola as chairman, and Commissioner Smith as vice-chairman.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of June 2, 2015 and July 7, 2015.

**Financial Statements:** The Board reviewed and discussed the FY2015 financials to date. Questions regarding the income statement year-to-year differences in accounts, 9260.03, 9300-03, 9320-00, 9210-00, and 4150-00 were asked by Commissioner Meola. The GM will provide the answers at the next meeting. Commissioner Meola also requested the quarterly statement for the OPEB trust fund. The GM will provide this at the next meeting.

**Power Costs/PPA:** The GM told the Board that WBMLP's June 2015 power and transmission expense was much lower than expected due to lower temperatures and lower market energy rates. WBMLP budgeted \$.10235/kWh versus an actual \$.09120/kWh. The resulting customer PPA credit for June 2015 was \$.015/kWh.

**Solar Project:** WBMLP secured MassDEP approval for a Community Shared Solar project concept and is WBMLP is focusing on developing our land on Paul Tivnan Drive.

The GM told the board the first WBMLP solar project installed had the civil design prepared before soliciting bids to install the project. Preparing the

civil design drawing directly will be less expensive and give us more control in the permitting process. The Board discussed the potential solar project and its benefits. The Board motioned, seconded, and approved 3-0, allowing the GM to prepare the civil design of a solar project that would get included in an eventual solar project RFP.

**CES and CPP Regulations:** The GM updated the Board on WBMLP's efforts to monitor MassDEP's Clean Energy Standard (CES) and the federal government Clean Power Plan (CPP) to determine if either will impact our power portfolio and budget.

**Distributed Generation:** WBMLP is still investigating feasibility of installing a 1.5-3MW natural gas generator at our substation to reduce load, reduce transmission expenses, generate energy during high cost hours, and provide emergency backup to our distribution system.

**Building Renovation:** The architect is still developing design drawings for the oldest office space area. WBMLP will remove the main office rug and asbestos tile. This needs to occur before new carpet can be installed.

**Truck 2:** The GM requested the Board to consider replacing WBMLP's 2004 F150 pickup with a new F150 supercab pickup. The 2004 truck floorboards are extremely rusted and there are visible holes in floor. It has 95k miles and would be traded in. WBMLP plans to purchase the new F150 and replace T2 with the F150 the GM drives, since it can transport all (4) linemen to the regional safety classes.

The Board discussed the need for a truck. The Board wanted to know if a warranty was included. The Board motioned, seconded and approved, 3-0, to allow the GM to purchase a new F150 supercab pickup.

**Oakdale Hydro:** WBMLP is still waiting for MWRA to reply to our 10 year PPA proposal for the output of the Oakdale Hydro facility on River Rd.

**Customer Issues:** The GM provided the Board a project update on the underground direct buried electric service to 301 and 307 Prospect that failed last Thursday afternoon.

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**Other:** None

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

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Anthony Meola Jr,

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Winthrop Handy

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William Smith