

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, October 6, 2015**

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

**The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by Commissioner Handy**

**Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda**

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board (Commissioners Handy & Smith only) reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of September 1, 2015.

**Financial Statements:** The Board reviewed and discussed the FY2015 financial statement and bank balances to date. The Board reviewed and discussed the OPEB quarterly report through 6/30/15.

**Executive Session:** The Board discussed and approved the use of executive session to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information related to MMWEC Special Project 2015A. By roll call vote, Commissioners' Handy, Smith, and Meola voted to enter into executive session at 6:30pm for the reasons stated.

The Board discussed WBMLP participating in MMWEC Special Project 2015A, which will be a 55-60MW natural gas fueled peaking plant located in Peabody MA. The Board voted by roll call and approved WBMLP's participation in Special Project 2015A for a share up to 1,500kW of the capacity and associated energy

By roll call vote, Commissioners' Handy, Smith, and Meola voted to leave executive session and return to regular meeting at 6:45pm.

**Solar Project:** WBMLP is trying to determine if the landfill is a buildable site for a solar system. The first reviews to pass are the Conservation Commission, DCR (wetlands protection act), and Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. All of these agencies have been contacted and will provide input as to whether the site is suitable or not.

**911/Dispatch Fiber:** The GM gave the Board an update on this project. WBMLP is preparing a cost estimate and design to install approximately 5 miles of aerial fiber in our utility pole space from WBMLP to Holden. WBMLP hired Tilson (approximately \$5.5k) to ensure our fiber plant design was adequate to meet the short term goals for a regional dispatch system and our long term goals to operate a fiber plant.

**Distributed Generation:** The Board and GM discussed the feasibility of installing a 2MW natural gas generator within our system to reduce load, reduce transmission expenses, generate energy during high cost hours, and provide emergency backup to our distribution system. The estimated cost is expected to be \$2.5M with a 5.2 year payback.

**1936 Era Building Renovation:** The architect is still developing design drawings for the oldest office space area.

**Main Office:** WBMLP removed the main office asbestos tiles in front of the counter and replaced with new rubber tile.

**Oakdale Hydro:** MWRA reviewed our offer and decided that a long term PPA was not desired at this time, as they preferred shorter term contracts for now.

**Fork Lift:** The GM told the Board that WBMLP's 1957 era forklift broke for the last time as repairs will cost well over \$3k. The GM will research replacement units.

**Other:** substation land, wood pile near substation land

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. Next meeting is Nov. 3, 2015.

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Anthony Meola Jr,

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Winthrop Handy

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William Smith