

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2016

Present: Board members, Anthony Meola, William Smith, GM Jonathan Fitch, and Jim Goulet, from Goulet, Salvidio & Associates, P.C. were present. Wind Handy could not attend.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by Commissioner Smith.

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda.

Meeting Minutes: The Board did not review or approve meeting minutes.

Financial Statements: Mr. Goulet presented the Board the attached FY2015 audited financial statements and DPU report. Mr. Goulet and the commissioner's reviewed the audit. Overall the audit for FY2015 was very similar to FY2014. WBMLP had no issues and received a qualified opinion. The Board of Light Commissioner's approved and signed the 2015 DPU report.

Previous Manager: John Scirpoli would like to discuss an idea with the Board regarding solar energy at the next meeting on May 3.

Recycle Center Street Lights: The GM gave the Board an explanation of how the recycle center uses outside lights and how it is currently billed. The center requested billing alternatives for the parking lot protective lighting. The Board requested the GM to find a reasonable and equitable way to bill since it is a regional center.

Substation: The GM requested Board approval to install new electrical conductors, in stock, in the spare conduit from the substation to Temple Street. This would be a backup feeder to the existing feeder in that location. Installing the conductors will cost approximately \$35,000. The cable is better served installed than in storage. The Board approved the project.

Electrical Panel Replacement: The GM requested Board approval to replace the 1936 era electrical panel in the oldest section of our building.

The panel uses S-type fuses and should be replaced. The estimated cost \$13,000. The Board approved the project.

Hancock Wind Status: The GM gave the following project status to the Board. Project construction is continuing with the turbine foundation excavation work completed, slabs leveled, foundation bases and pedestals have been placed for all 17 turbines. Turbine components are expected to be delivered in May 2016. The Commercial Operation Date (COD) is expected on December 31, 2016.

Sidewalk Reconstruction Project: The Board and GM discussed the sidewalk project. The sidewalks along Crescent, Prospect, Goodale, and Central Streets will be replaced by P.J. Albert Inc. Approximately (40) poles will be replaced and some may need to be relocated for sidewalk clearance and ADA compliance.

Wachusett Causeway Project: The Board and GM discussed the MassDOT causeway project. The Town has not been successful to date in getting Mass DOT to respond to our requests for assistance to coordinate with Verizon and Charter to place the overhead wires underground along the causeway.

Solar Project: The GM updated the Board. WBMLP received (6) bids in response to our Invitation for Bid (IFB). Hearings for the Special Permits are scheduled with the Planning Board and ZBA. The MassDEP is reviewing our PUC permit.

The next meeting is May 2, 2016. The Board meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

Not Present
Winthrop Handy

William Smith