

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2016, 5:00pm**

**Present:** Board members Anthony Meola, William Smith, Win Handy, and, GM Jonathan Fitch. Greg Phipps from Tangent Energy was present.

**The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Commissioner Smith.**

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

**Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes of October 4, 2016 and September 6, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

**Financial Statements:** The FY2016 financial income statement as of October 31, 2016, were reviewed and discussed.

**Distributed Generator:** Tangent Energy Solution discussed with the Board and GM a proposal to finance and install a 2MW DG system in town. The Board reviewed and discussed the attached presentation on a 2MW DG system. The potential financial revenue streams and payback were discussed. The Board asked the GM to consider sharing a site with Boylston. Tangent requires a MOU to proceed.

**2017 Power and Transmission Budget:** WBMLP prepared the attached energy and transmission budget for 2017 for the Board. The GM expects energy and transmission to cost approximately \$5.3M compared to last year's budget of \$5.88M. The Board reviewed and discussed the 2017 energy and transmission budget. Commissioner Handy requested an PPA update from the GM on MWRA's Oakdale hydro.

**Legislative Efforts:** The Board reviewed the attached November 21, 2016 letter from WBMLP to MassDEP regarding the Clean Energy Standard (CES). MEAM is representing the 40 MLP's by providing legal opinions and opposition to MA DOER's proposed solar incentives, and, a CES Standard proposed by MassDEP.

**Streetlight Grant:** The GM told the Board that WBMLP/MMWEC submitted a grant request to MA DOER to exchange the remaining 658 streetlights to

energy saving LED type. The grant would provide 50% of the material cost. MA DOER will award by the end of the year.

**Hancock Wind:** The Board and GM discussed the status of the Hancock Wind PPA. The Hancock Wind project will be operational this month and WBMLP will receive our proportional share of energy from this renewable energy generator location in Maine. This fixed cost energy contract represents about 2.2% of our annual supply requirements.

**Landfill Solar Project:** The GM provided a project update to the Board. All the racking and solar panels are installed. Fencing is being installed. Inverters, conduits, wiring, and medium voltage equipment is scheduled to arrive this week and next week. Still on track to be mechanically complete by January 7, 2017.

**All Purpose Truck:** WBMLP has a 2006 F350 4x2 dump truck with 17,417 miles and a 2000 C3500 4x4 utility body truck with snow plow and 29,677 miles. The GM proposes to sell and/or trade the two trucks for (1) new 2016/2017 F350 4x4 dump with snow plow that can perform both function as the two older trucks.

The Board discussed the proposal and attached quote from MHQ. Commissioner Handy made a motion to approve the purchase of a new dump truck, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, and the Board voted 3-0 to approve the purchase.

**Other: None**

**The next meeting is January 10, 2016. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.**

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**Anthony Meola Jr,**

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**Winthrop Handy**

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**William Smith**