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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2016

Present: Board members Anthony Meola, Win Handy, and GM Jonathan Fitch were present. Commissioner William Smith could not attend.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Commissioner Meola.

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda.

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved meeting minutes of February 2, 2106.

Financial Statements: The Board reviewed and discussed the FY2015 financial statements and bank balances to date.

Union Contract: The GM gave the Board an updated on the union contract. IBEW Local 486 presented a contract proposal to start negotiations for new three year contract effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. The Board discussed the GM's plan to adjust the wages/benefits so that they closely match the average wages/benefits of various central MA MLP's.

Emerald Ash Borer: The GM told the Board that WBMLP will create a risk management map of our electrical distribution system.

MA Green Communities Designation: The Board and GM discussed the Green Communities Act. WBMLP requested MA DOER to reconsidered how communities are designated a "Green Community" by meeting (5) criteria. MA DOER states there is a 6th criteria for MLP's to charge customers a "renewable energy charge (\$0.0005/kWh)" and provide funds to the renewable energy trust, which funds grants and rebates issued by MassCEC. WBMLP requested Senator Chandler to assist our efforts. The Town, WBMLP, and MA DOER are meeting March 22th to discuss.

Commission Handy requested an Oakdale Hydro PPA be put on the agenda with Senator Chandler.

Sidewalk Reconstruction Project: The GM gave a project update. The sidewalks along Crescent, Prospect, Goodale, and Central Streets will be replaced. Approximately (40) poles will be replaced and some may need to be relocated for sidewalk clearance and ADA compliance. Project will take place April 4th – Oct 28th.

Solar Project: WBMLP released an Invitation for Bid (IFB), submitting permit applications for the Planning Board and ZBA, and is preparing the MassDEP permit.

March 2, 2016	T&G and Central Register
March 16, 2016	Site Visit
April 4, 2016, 2:00pm	Bids Due
April 5, 2016	Board Mtg to discuss
April TBD	Board Mtg to discuss
May 2, 2016	Notice to Proceed
September 11, 2016	Substantially finished with construction

911/Dispatch Fiber: WBMLP is still waiting on last hardware materials to install on approximately 230 utility poles from WBMLP to Holden.

The next meeting is February 2, 2016. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

Winthrop Handy

William Smith