

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, January 2, 2018, 5:00pm

Present: Board members William Smith (Vice), Win Handy (Secretary), Anthony Meola (Chairman), and GM Jonathan Fitch were present.

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

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda.

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

Customer Questions or Concerns: GM Fitch provided the Board the attached list of customers and late amounts due, applied as liens against those customers property tax bills.

Financial Statements: The FY2017 audit work is still underway by Goulet, Salvidio & Associates, P.C.

2017/2018 Power and Transmission Budget: The GM provided the Board an update on the Berkshire Wind Project refinancing of its 2010 construction loan which reduced the interest rates from 4.3%-5.4% to 1.6%-2.7%. This will save WBMLP approximately \$27,600 in interest payments annually.

2018 Budget: The GM provided the Board the attached 2018 operating budget. The Board and GM discussed and reviewed. It is very similar to last year's budget.

Retiree Health Insurance Penalty: Was not discussed.

Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant: GM Fitch provided a project update. MassCEC awarded WBMLP an ACES grant. WBMLP requested and received a 50% project cost share from MassCEC for \$242,563.35 to install a flywheel based energy storage system. The Board and GM discussed the special permit through the ZBA for the project.

Garage Ceiling: The Board and GM discussed the garage plaster ceiling in oldest portion of the building. It tested negative for asbestos, but asbestos was found in insulation around hot water pipes and in insulation above the plaster

ceiling. GM Fitch will have it removed by certified contractors. Also, asbestos floor tiling in the women's rest room is being removed.

Natural Gas Generator: Was not discussed.

Rate Study: Was not discussed.

New MassDEP Regulations: GM Fitch told the Board that WBMLP supported and filed individual comments, small MLP group comments, and MEAM comments on November 30th in response to MassDEP's reopened stakeholder review of the Clean Energy Standard (CES). The CES does not include MLP's for now, but could in the future. WBMLP, through MEAM, will reach out to MassDEP to discuss alternative proposals.

Electrical Distribution Projects: The Board was updated by GM Fitch on the Temple Street dual feeder project under construction. This will provide two distribution feeders along a paved road that can handle the entire Town load in the event our other ROW feeders are damaged and inaccessible.

2017/2018 HELPS: The Board and GM reviewed the various energy conservation, energy efficiency, and appliance rebates offered in 2017. The Board reviewed the 2018 changes to the rebate programs including new rebates for WI-FI enabled thermostats and heat pump clothes dryers.

The next meeting is February 6, 2018. The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

Winthrop Handy

William Smith