

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, February 6, 2018, 5:00pm

Present: Board members William Smith (Vice), Win Handy (Secretary), Anthony Meola (Chairman), GM Jonathan Fitch, and PLM's Mayhew Seavey 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: The Board discussed Matthew Nasuti's property tax lien abatement request (See attached letter from customer). The customer agrees to pay his portion of the outstanding electric bill in exchange for an abatement of the total amount due. WBMLP can attempt to collect the ex-wife's portion of the electric bill separately. Commissioner Meola made a motion to approve the abatement request. Commissioner Handy seconded the motion. **The Board voted 3 to 0, approving the abatement.**

The GM provided the Board an update on the North Main Street electricity consumption which are all electric apartments.

Rates: PLM's Mayhew Seavey presented and discussed with the Board the attached rate study. The study determined that individual components in our existing rates should be changed to reflect the accurate component costs. This will not increase the overall rates but will reallocate our expenses to the appropriate rate components like; power/transmission unit cost, distribution unit cost, and fixed customer charge. The Board discussed the proposed changes and asked the GM to provide, at the next meeting, a list of commercial, industrial, and municipal customers that are most affected by the changes.

Financial Statements: The GM updated the Board on the ongoing FY2017 financial audit by Goulet, Salvidio & Associates, P.C.

2017 Power Supply Summary: The Board discussed and reviewed the attached summary of West Boylston's 2017 energy portfolio. 50% of West Boylston's energy supply met the Massachusetts "Clean Energy Standard"

(CES) in 2017. Clean energy generation includes large-scale hydroelectricity and nuclear power generation. This means that 50% of West Boylston's energy supply emitted "zero" green-house-gases in 2017. WBMLP expects this clean energy supply to provide low cost and clean energy to all residents and businesses in West Boylston through at least 2045.

An additional 16% of West Boylston's 2017 energy supply is qualified as renewable energy under the Massachusetts "Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard" (RPS). Renewable energy includes generation from solar, wind, and small scale hydroelectric sources. These energy sources also generate environmental attributes called RECs.

The GM updated the Board on the sale of the renewable attributes, RECs, from our wind and solar generation. WBMLP will continue to sell our RECs until we pay off our construction loans used to invest in renewable energy. Once the loans are paid, the Board will reconsider retaining/retiring the RECs.

The Board and GM discussed the small-scale hydroelectricity in New Hampshire and the wind energy purchased from Princeton Wind and Hancock Wind. Even though WBMLP doesn't own these RECs, our long-term commitment to purchase the energy from these renewable energy generators ensured their construction and continued operation.

Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant: ZBA hearing is scheduled for 7:30pm, February 15, 2018.

Basement Ceiling: Did not discuss.

MLP Solar Rebate Program: Did not discuss

Next Meeting March 6, 2018, Meeting adjourned 6:30pm

Anthony Meola Jr,

Winthrop Handy

William Smith