

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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

Present: Board members William Smith (Vice), Win Handy (Secretary) Anthony Meola (Chairman), GM Jonathan Fitch, and, MMWEC's Matthew Ide and Brian Thomson were present.

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 any meeting minutes.

Customer Questions or Concerns: None discussed.

Financial Statements: GM updated the Board. FY2017 audit work was still underway by Goulet, Salvidio & Associates, P.C.

Berkshire Wind Project Expansion: GM gave Board a brief of new Berkshire Wind Project. MMWEC proposes to install two new turbines to maximize the existing infrastructure and set up the possibility of a third future phase. WBMLP participation would add an additional 250kW of wind to our existing Berkshire Wind allocation.

MMWEC's staff presented the Board the attached presentation, proforma, and budget to add 4.6MW through two new wind turbines at Berkshire. The Board and MMWEC discussed the project size, existing infrastructure that could be used, economics, and the environmental benefits of the project.

Commissioner Smith asked MMWEC about the age of the exiting project, O&M costs, and equipment failures.

Commissioner Meola asked MMWEC about the new wind technology, who was the wind turbine manufacturer (Siemens), and warranty.

Commissioner Handy was concerned about the cost overruns on the first project and what could happen with this project.

MMWEC asked the Board to consider adding a portion of the new MW's to our portfolio. The estimated size of West Boylston's commitment would be 5.37% of the 4.6MW's and cost approximately \$620,400.

Commissioner Handy asked if a vote was required. MWMEC replied yes. Commissioner Handy made a motion for WBMLP to participate in the new expansion project and to approve the attached certificate of vote for the Berkshire Wind Power Purchase Agreement – Phase 2. Commissioner Meola seconded the motion. The Board vote 3-0 approving the motion and approval of the attached certificate of vote for the Berkshire Wind Power Purchase Agreement – Phase 2.

2018 Power Budget: Did not discuss.

Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant: GM updated Board on project status. WBMLP received special permit approval from ZBA for the project. WBMLP is working on contracts, bids, and final design.

Garage Ceiling: Did not discuss.

New legislation/regulations: Did not discuss. The Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) and the Clean Energy Standard (CES) do not include MLP's, but could in the future. WBMLP, through MEAM, will reach out to MassDEP and DOER to discuss alternative proposals.

Electrical Distribution Projects: GM told the Board that the Temple Street dual feeder project is 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.

Other new developments include:

- Briarwood new facility

- 100 Hartwell St, new electrical service and industrial customer

- Westland Circle Expansion, 8 new Homes

2017/2018 HELPS: WBMLP continues to offer customers energy conservation, energy efficiency, and appliance rebates. A summary of the budget used to fund these activities in FY2017 is attached.

Other: None

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Next Meeting April 3, 2018, Meeting adjourned 6:35pm

Anthony Meola Jr,

Winthrop Handy

William Smith