

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2018**

**Present:** Board members William Smith, Tony Meola, and Win Handy, and, GM Jonathan Fitch, were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by Commissioner Smith.

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

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board did not review and approve the attached meeting minutes from October 2, 2018.

**Customer Questions or Concerns:** None discussed

**2018 Financials and Bank Balances:** The Board reviewed and discussed the attached income statement through August 2018 and bank balances through September 2018.

**Solar Incentive:** The GM and Board discussed the MEAM proposal to develop a voluntary MLP solar incentive program with MA-DOER.

The highlights of the program that were discussed included:

- Effective date: December 5, 2018
- End date: July 31, 2020
- Solar rebate of up to \$1.20 per watt, capped at 50% of total installed costs MLPs and DOER will each contribute \$0.60 per watt or 50% each.
- DOER committed up to \$2.3 million for this program
- Eligible solar installations must be 25 kW or less, less than 20% shading, facing between 90 and 270 degrees.
- Solar installations must be registered for Massachusetts Class 1 REC's
- REC's will be owned by the MLP and retired by the MLP for the life of the solar installation.
- MLP's can overlay their own regulations regarding solar installations with this program.

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WBMLP must provide an estimated commitment amount to DOER. \$1.20/watt for a 7kW system is a \$8,400 rebate shared 50/50%. As an example, (50) rebates at \$4,200 each would cost WBMLP \$210,000.

Federal tax incentive. 30% total installed cost tax credit with carryover provision.  
State Tax Incentive: 15% of the net expenditure for a renewable energy source property, or up to \$1,000 max, with carryover provision.

No Board vote was taken to approve or not WBMLP's participation.

**Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant:** GM Fitch gave the Board a project status update. Dagle Electric completed all underground and conduit work. The first (4) flywheels are installed and connected. WBMLP will receive one more shipment of (12) flywheels by the end of the November.

**Wachusett Causeway Lighting:** The Board disused the WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff draft LED lighting design for the causeway.

**Building Renovations:** GM Fitch gave the Board an update on the completed women's restroom renovations. The Board and GM discussed the garage roof project and how it is being repaired. GM Fitch told the Board that WBMLP is seeking bids to demo the break-room and locker room areas. Bids are due November 28, 2018.

**Light Up Navajo:** The Board and GM discussed the Light Up Navajo initiative to electrifying the 15,000 Navajo households that still do not have power in Spring 2019. WBMLP may participate as a mutual aid volunteer.

**Municipal Fiber:** Sterling, West Boylston, Boylston and Shrewsbury's MLP's are meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss a municipal backbone fiber project.

**Senior Center Project:** GM Fitch told the Board that electricity service to the senior center was complete. Fiber will be installed next week. The electrical interconnection cost was \$49,585 and the fiber interconnection cost will be approximately \$45,000.

**Electrical Distribution Projects:** The Board and GM discussed ongoing electrical distribution projects for FY2018

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**Library Exterior Lighting:** WBMLP is waiting for the Library director approval to proceed.

**Other:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. Next Meeting December 4, 2018.**

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**Winthrop Handy**

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**William Smith**

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**Anthony Meola**