

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018**

**Present:** Board members William Smith, Win Handy, Tony Meola, 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.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed and approved the attached meeting minutes from June 6, 2018.

**Customer Questions or Concerns:** None

**Customer Distributed Generation and Net Metering:** The GM provided the Board a summary of WBMLP's solar installations and net meters. WBMLP provides service to approximately 3,155 residential customers as of 6/30/2018. WBMLP has the following net metered DG (solar) systems:

- (7) Residential systems totaling 55.12kW
- (1) Commercial system totaling 10kW

WBMLP owns a 370kW and 2,062kW DG solar system and expects to purchase energy and SREC's from a 1,099kW DG solar system PPA that is under construction at Bunzl, 180 Shrewsbury Street. The total interconnected solar DG in West Boylston will be 3,596.12kW(DC).

**2018 Financials and Bank Balances:** The Board reviewed and discussed the attached income statement and bank balance spreadsheet as of April 30, 2018. Commissioner Meola asked questions about the differences in revenues and expenses between 2017 to 2018 to date.

**Berkshire Wind Phase II:** The Board and GM discussed the Berkshire Wind project to install two new wind turbines totaling 4.6MW. West Boylston is purchasing .25MW or 5.374% of the 4.6MW from two new 2.3MW turbines. WBMLP already owns 5.374% of the 15MW phase I project. This expansion will increase our ownership to approximately 1.1MW of wind power.

**Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant:** The GM provided the Board a project update. WBMLP re-advertised the installation bid for the ACES grant (\$242,563.35) to install a flywheel-based energy storage system. Bids are due July 18<sup>th</sup> and we expect to start installation in late July/August. The flywheel capsules will be delivered next week.

**Wachusett Causeway Lighting:** The Board and GM discussed signing the contract with WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff to begin work on the conceptual design. GM will sign and authorize work on conceptual design.

**Building Renovations:** GM told the Board that WBMLP continues to design and renovate the garage ceiling, women's rest room, the first 1/3 of the building.

**Bucket Truck and Pickup Truck:** The GM requested the Board to approve replacing a 1997/1998 40' personnel aerial bucket truck for new 45'-50' material handling, 4x4, bucket truck, for approximately \$247,281 with options and warranties. The Board discussed the need and cost. Commissioner Handy made a motion to approve purchasing the vehicle. Commissioner Meola seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 approving the purchase of new material handling bucket truck.

**Electrical Distribution Projects:** The GM updated the Board on the attached list of projects for FY2018

**Library Exterior Lighting:** WBMLP received quotes for new and lighting fixtures to surround the library parking and sidewalks. Cost for materials only is \$29,700.00. WBMLP will provide labor, equipment, and foundations.

**Light up the Navajo Nation:** Did not discuss

**The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm. The next Board meeting is August 7, 2018.**

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**Anthony Meola Jr,**

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**Winthrop Handy**

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**William Smith**