

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Agenda, 5:00pm, January 2, 2024

Agenda: Please approve the agenda with any changes or corrections.

Meeting Minutes: Please review and approve the meeting minutes from September 12, 2023.

Customer Issues: No issues reported.

2023 Municipal Liens: Last month WBMLP submitted to the Town, (19) customer liens, for approximately \$23,346.02. Consequently, we decided not to lien customers this year due to the billing conversion. We will use the new billing system to collect payments from property owners, set up payment plans, or disconnect services as a last resort. We will continue to use liens next November.

Financials: The 2023 financial audit is underway.

Clean Heat Standard: MassDEP is considering imposing a new regulation called the Clean Heat Standard (CHS) on all utilities, delivered fuel companies, and MLPs. The CHS would require MLPs to fully electrify the HVAC systems for a number of homes annually to meet the standard and GHG reduction requirements.

ASHP CONSULTATIONS	2022	2023 thru 3rd QTR
# ASHP Consult	24	13
# Gold Manual J	14	6
# Gold Design Consult	0	0
# Gold Design Review	2	2
# Gold Verify	0	0
	40	21
	\$ 5,570.00	\$ 3,735.00
COOL HOMES	2022	2023 thru 3rd QTR
Central AC	0	2
Air Source Heat Pumps	2	4
Ductless Mini Splits (Single Zone)	11	15
Ductless Mini Splits (Multiple Zone)	13	0
	26	21
	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 23,700.00

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The CHS could potentially start in 2026 and require WBMLP to electrify (21) homes. The requirement would increase to approx. 60-70 homes annually from 2034-2050. I submitted the attached comments related to the draft CHS regulations.

APPA's Legislative Rally: MLPs are deciding whether to attend this year's legislative rally on February 26-28th, Washington D.C.

Electricity Rates: WBMLP requested Utility Financial Solutions, LLC to provide a quote for a rate study. Now that our new billing solution is going live, we have numerous rate options to consider. We expect the rate study to provide guidance on how our electric rates as designed and what they cost our customers over the next 3-5 years. The main points to discuss through the study include early payment discounts, increasing fixed customer charges, consolidating line items, etc.

Project 2015A: Tentative commercial operation date is February 1, 2024. The first fire of the turbine/generator is on January 8th or 9th. Synchronization to grid is January 11th. Final testing and start up till end of January.

New Garage: Project Update.

Fast DC Level III Charger: The chargers are fully operational as of December 1, 2023. About (200) charging sessions occurred and generated approximately \$500 in revenue since it became operational.

NISC Enterprise Software: Billing and customer service goes live January 3, 2024. NISC staff will be present on-site the week of January 8th to assist and train staff.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): The 3MW/9MWh BESS project is under construction. Expected completion date in fall 2024.

Municipal Fiber Network: WBMLP will prepare a design and cost estimate to apply for the Municipal Fiber Grant program. This grant program supports municipal networks. We expect the grant to assist in the provision of fiber and equipment to each municipal building with headend equipment at WBMLP. We want to future proof the headend design at WBMLPs office to serve both municipal buildings and future residential and commercial customers.