

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2016, 5:00pm

Present: Board members Anthony Meola, William Smith, Win Handy, and, GM Jonathan Fitch. Brenda Bowman, ratepayer, was also present for beginning of meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Commissioner Smith.

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda.

Meeting Minutes: No meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Brenda Bowman: Wanted to know if land on Paul Tivnan Drive could be used as dog park. The Board let Mrs. Bowman know that land was given by WBMLP to the Town at the time of the purchase.

Financial Statements: The Board reviewed and approved FY2016 financial statements to date.

2017 Power and Transmission Budget: The GM and Board reviewed the initial power and transmission budget for FY2017. Power supply costs are a major component of our annual budget and represent approximately 75% of our annual operating expense. WBMLP's power portfolio strategy is working well and our costs are decreasing. This is primarily due to the decrease in project debt as our original loans are paid off.

Renewable Energy Credits (REC's) The GM let the Board know that WBMP sells its SREC's annually in order to pay for the capital cost of installing solar energy in West Boylston. WBMLP's bid offer was selected in the National Grid RFP for SREC I's and SREC II's.

- 2017 SREC I sold at \$355, unit contingent (WB Solar Coop)
- 2017 SREC II sold at \$282.50, unit contingent (WB Community Solar)

Landfill Solar Project: GM provided a project update to Board. The construction and DEP permits were approved and construction has begun. Here is a summary schedule of the construction activities.

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| Site Layout and Racking | 9/14 to 10/14 |
| Modules | 10/7 to 10/31 |
| Inverters | 10/12 to 11/4 |
| Stringers | 10/12 to 11/15 |
| Feeders/panels | 11/5 to 12/3 |
| MV Gear/Metering | 12/3 to 12/18 |
| Fence Installations | 11/15 to 12/11 |
| Interconnection | 12/19 to 12/23 |
| Project close out | 1/4 |

A ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for Friday with Senator Chandler and Representative O'Day. The Board approved GM spending for an aerial/drone photo of the completed project

Fiber Project: Phase 1 is complete and WBMLP requested reimbursement for approximately \$85k in materials. WBMLP donated approximately \$98k in labor, equipment, mutual aid, and details. Phase II will run fiber from WBMLP to a new communication tower on Beaman Road.

LED Street Lighting Grant: MMWEC Submitted our grant request to MA DOER. Our grant seeks 50% reimbursement for the LED streetlights, material only.

Other: None

The next meeting is November 1, 2016. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

Winthrop Handy

William Smith