

# **WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT**

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2019.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Commissioner Smith.

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

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from October 1, 2019.

**Customer Questions or Concerns:** Non discussed.

**Financial Statements:** The discussed and reviewed the attached income statement through September 31, 2019 and bank balances through October 31, 2019.

**2020 Budget:** The reviewed and discussed the attached 2020 revenues and power supply expense budget worksheets.

**Electrical Distribution Projects:** GM provided the Board the attached list of ongoing projects.

**Fiber Backbone:** GM Fitch provide a brief update on the project install a fiber backbone thru West Boylston.

**GWSA legislation:** GM Fitch told the Board that House Bill 832/3983 is proposed legislation that requires MLPs to comply with the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA). This would allow EEOA, DEP, and DOER to regulate MLPs, most likely through the RPS and CES standards.

**MLP GGES Standard/Legislation:** The Board and GM discussed MEAM's House Bill 2863 that creates a greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction standard on MLPs, known as the "Municipal Lighting Plant GGES." MLPs will set a minimum percentage of non-carbon emitting energy sold to all retail end-user customers as follows: (1) seven percent by 2021; (2) forty percent by 2030; (3) sixty percent by 2040; and (4) eighty percent by 2050.

WBMLPs existing large-scale hydro and nuclear energy complies with the GGES standard. This GGES standard provides WBMLP the time to change its energy portfolio and help the Commonwealth reach its long term GHG emission reductions goal of 80% by 2050.

**WBMLPs % of Sales Non-GHG Emitting:** The GM provided the Board the attached chart of WBMLPs percent of sales that is “Non-GHG Emitting”. GM Fitch told the Board that independent of either legislation above, WBMLPs power supply is already much cleaner than the combined 2019 requirements for RPS and CES. The discussed and reviewed the attached chart.

**GM Review:** The GM and Board discussed the attached GM Performance Review and GM salary survey.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm. The next meeting is 5:00pm, January 7, 2020.

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**Tony Meola**

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**Denny Smith**

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**Win Handy**