

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, July 6, 2021

Commissioner Handy called the meeting to order at 5:08pm

Present: Commissioner's Tony Meola and Win Handy were present. GM Jonathan Fitch and Assistant GM Brian Allen were present.

Agenda: The Board approved the posted agenda without changes or corrections.

Customer Questions or Concerns: None Discussed.

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the attached meeting minutes from June 6, 2021.

Special Project 2015A: GM Fitch provided the Board an update on Special project 2015A. Project 2015A is pending DPU financing approval and local community outreach to explain why this capacity resource is necessary, even with our plans to decarbonize by 2050. Project 2015A is a 55MW Peaker Plant located in Peabody and West Boylston's share is 1.6 MW (2.9% of total).

GM Fitch told the Board the project is designed as a capacity resource and is not expected to operate more than 239 hours a year. This peaker plant emissions in CO2-lbs/MWH is less than 94% of the existing peaker plants in MA.

Board and GM discussed the project amount paid to date. WBMLP paid approximately \$231,973.30 in development and permitting costs to date. GM Fitch told the Board that he expects to be billed up to approximately \$802,193.50 for the project to cover equipment down payments with the contractor. The total project cost is approximately \$85M, including a 10% contingency.

Commissioner Handy made a motion to reaffirm WBMLP's support and participation in Special Project 2015A, using the attached "Certificate of Vote". Commissioner Meola seconded the motion and the Board voted 2-0 reaffirming WBMLP's support and participation in Special Project 2015A.

29 Prospect Street Property: The Board, GM, and Assistant GM discussed the architects attached draft plans of the new building layout and profiles. GM Fitch

told the Board that WBMLP will discuss the draft plans with the Planning Board at their meeting on August 11, 2021.

NYPA Peak Power Offer: The Board and GM discussed a potential New York Power Authority (NYPA) PPA to MA MLP's of 40,180kW of clean peaking power and energy. WBMLP's allocation would be 338kW and the contract would run from July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2032. This peak energy, capacity, and attribute contract delivers energy in the winter from HE17-HE21 and in the summer from HE14-HE19, Monday through Friday. The average contract cost per kWh is approximately \$.07/kWh.

MMWEC is still working on contract language to ensure it produces the savings we expect. GM Fitch will provide updates at a future meeting.

Building Renovations: The Board and staff discussed and reviewed the completed renovation project.

Temporary Generator for Peak Reduction: GM Fitch provide the Board an update on the generator summer rental project. WBMLP rented a 2MW diesel generator for load reduction this summer. This project will test our interconnection and financial model before we consider purchasing a peak generator and/or battery storage system in the future. The generator will be connected to our substation.

Our summer peak typically occurs in either June, July or August and is usually preceded by 3 days of high temperatures (heat wave). Daily, the peak usually occurs late afternoon or early evening between 5-6:00pm.

This summer's net savings after rental expenses and load reduction savings is approximately \$101,230. Savings to date are approximately:

May 2021	\$21,800.00
June 2021	\$23,700.00

Electrical Feeder Circuit ROW: The GM and Assistant GM provided the Board an update on ROW mowing and tree trimming. The unpaved electrical distribution feeder ROW's will be mowed in late July.

Solar Rebate Program: The Board and staff discussed WBMLP's solar rebate program that ended June 30, 2021. WBMLP and MA DOER co-sponsored MLP Solar Rebate Program ended June 30, 2021. Six residential customers took advantage of the rebates worth approximately \$54,642 which is shared 50/50% by

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WBMLP and MA DOER. This resulted is approximately 45.5 kW of additional solar installed in town. WBMLP receives 100% of the environmental attributes generated from these new solar systems.

NEPPA Annual Conference: The NEPPA annual conference is August 22-25th in Portland Maine. See attached agenda. GM Fitch will attend.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:21pm.

Win handy

Tony Meola