

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, September 7, 2021**

Commissioner Handy called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

**Present:** Commissioner's Tony Meola and Win Handy were present. GM Jonathan Fitch was present.

**Agenda:** The Board approved the agenda with one change. The Board added Commissioner Position to agenda.

**Customer Questions or Concerns:** None discussed.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed and approved the attached meeting minutes from May 4, 2021 and July 6, 2021.

**Financials:** The Board reviewed and discussed the income statement and bank balances to date.

**Commissioner Position:** The Board discussed how to fill an open Board position. Commissioner Handy made a recommendation for Sue Grant.

**9-11 Memorial Lights:** GM Fitch provided the Board an update on the 9-11 ceremony. The lights, details, and highway signs are all scheduled for 9-11 at the Old Stone Church.

**Special Project 2015A:** The Board discussed DPU approval of Special Project 2015A financing. No appeal was filed to date. MMWEC only needs a local building permit at this point.

**Fiber Grant:** GM Fitch told the Board that the Community Compact Program will issue a new Municipal Fiber category for FY22. The application period is March 15, 2022, thru April 15, 2022. WBMLP will apply for a municipal building fiber and network grant. In the meantime, WBMLP and SELCO are working on splicing and activating fibers from SELCO to WBMLP's headend for our office internet services.

**Overhead line Trimming:** The Board discussed the second phase of overhead line trimming that starts September 13th. Dillon Tree Service was awarded the bid for \$74.3k. Last year Northern Tree was awarded bid for \$91.3k. Second phase is the North Main/Oakdale section of town.

**29 Prospect Street:** The Board and GM reviewed WBMLP's architect/designer draft plans. WBMLP completed a Planning Board "round-table" meeting on August 11th. The GM and Assistant GM will review the draft design and value engineering the plans to reduce cost estimate.

**Temporary Generator for Peak Reduction:** GM Fitch provided the Board the savings that resulted from renting a 2MW diesel generator for load reduction this summer. This DG system also tested our interconnection, dispatch ability, and financial model before considering purchasing our own generator and/or battery storage system. This summer's expenses and savings were:

| <b>Expenses</b>    | <b>May</b>   | <b>June</b>   | <b>July</b>  | <b>August</b>      | <b>Total</b>         |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| gen-set rental     | \$ -         | \$ 18,000.00  | \$ 18,000.00 | \$ 18,000.00       |                      |
| transformer rental | \$ -         | \$ 4,000.00   | \$ 4,000.00  | \$ 4,000.00        |                      |
| Fule               | \$ -         | \$ 6,000.00   | \$ 6,000.00  | \$ 6,000.00        |                      |
| Trucking           | \$ -         | \$ 1,500.00   |              |                    |                      |
| Commissioning      | \$ -         | \$ 700.00     |              |                    |                      |
| Crane              | \$ -         | \$ 2,000.00   |              |                    |                      |
|                    |              | \$ 32,200.00  | \$ 28,000.00 | \$ 28,000.00       | \$ 88,200.00         |
|                    |              |               |              |                    |                      |
| <b>Savings</b>     | <b>May</b>   | <b>June</b>   | <b>July</b>  | <b>August</b>      | <b>Total</b>         |
| Monthly RNS        | \$ 21,800.00 | \$ 23,700.00  | \$ 23,700.00 | \$ 23,700.00       |                      |
| Annual ICAP        | \$ -         | \$ 127,680.00 | \$ -         | \$ -               |                      |
|                    | \$ 21,800.00 | \$ 151,380.00 | \$ 23,700.00 | \$ 23,700.00       | \$ 220,580.00        |
|                    |              |               |              |                    |                      |
|                    |              |               |              | <b>Net Savings</b> | <b>\$ 132,380.00</b> |

**NYPA Hydroelectricity PPA Extension:** GM Fitch told the Board that West Boylston's NYPA hydroelectricity PPA is getting extended from 2025 through 2032. Massachusetts municipal light plants imported clean hydroelectricity from New York since 1985. All municipal light plants in Massachusetts receive and proportionally share 53.3-megawatts from the Niagara Hydroelectric Project in New York. West Boylston receives approximately 453 kilowatts or 4-5% of its annual energy supply from this imported, clean, non-greenhouse gas emitting

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energy. West Boylston expects to continue purchasing this clean non-emitting energy through 2057.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35pm.

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Win Handy

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Tony Meola