

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commissioners, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2021

This was a joint meeting with Town of West Boylston, Selectboard. WBMLP attended BOS meeting via zoom.

Present: Board members Win Handy and Tony Meola were present. GM Jonathan Fitch, Assist. GM Brian Allen were present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Commissioner Handy.

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda without any changes or corrections.

Customer Questions or Concerns: None were discussed.

Meeting Minutes: None were reviewed or approved.

Light Commissioner Appointment: The Board of Light Commissioners attended a joint meeting with the Selectboard via zoom (remotely) at approximately 6:15pm to appoint a replacement Board of Light Commissioner until the June 7, 2022, Town Election. Select Board member Mr. Rucho read the Public Notice. Mr. Rucho asked each applicant to introduce themselves.

Ms. Sue Grant, 14 Newton Street, grew up coming to West Boylston and has lived in town less than a year. She worked for Kraft Foods as a Marketing Research Executive for 30 years and had expertise as Consumer Insight. She was also her condo association for twelve years. She explained she has interest in serving community and has time being retired.

Mr. Jason Kunst of 515 Prospect Street, resident for 15 years. He has been employed by Sysco Systems Network Security and is interested in technology behind electricity. He owns electric cars, and solar on roof. He likes saving money and technology. He would like to assist on a 5G fiber network for the town.

Mr. James Pedone lifelong resident of town. He has worked 21 years for Dell Technologies which was EMC Corporation prior. He serves on many Boards in town. He explained he has extensive background with networking and technology. He believes the current Board does an excellent job managing the Light

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Department and like to see that the rates remain low and the Light Plant continues to provide excellent service.

Mr. Rajeshkumar asked if there is a conflict of interest. Mr. Rucho stated a conflict of interest is up to the individual to declare. Mr. Rajeshkumar stated one of the candidates and a Selectboard member were married. Ms. Pedone stated she will not vote or ask candidates questions. Mr. Rucho asked all applicants if they plan to run for the position at the next election, they all responded yes.

Motion by Mr. Crowley, moved to nominate Jim Pedone; Mr. Rajeshkumar seconded motion.

Motion by Mr. Rajeshkumar, moved to nominate Sue Grant; Mr. Handy seconded motion.

Roll Call Vote based on two nominated candidates:

Selectboard

Mr. Kittredge, voted for Mr. Pedone

Mr. Rajeshkumar, voted for Ms. Grant

Ms. Pedone, did not vote

Mr. Crowley, voted for Mr. Pedone

Mr. Rucho, voted for Mt. Pedone

Board of Light Commissioners

Mr. Handy, voted for Ms. Grant

Mr. Meola, voted for Mr. Pedone

Mr. Rucho stated the vote was 4-2 in favor of Mr. Pedone for the vacancy until June 7, 2022. Mr. Pedone should get sworn in by the Town Clerk. He thanked all the applicants interested in this vacancy. Mr. Rucho stated the Light Plant managers and Board are great and thanked them for providing a great service to the town. Mr. Crowley also added positive comments for the service WBMLP provides. Mr. Rucho would like to invite the GM to a future meeting to discuss current projects and work in town.

29 Prospect Street Property: Did not discuss.

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MMWEC Annual Conference: The MMWEC annual conference is November 4-5th, at Babson College. See attached agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

Winthrop Handy