

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commissioners, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, December 7, 2021

Present: Board members Win Handy, Tony Meola, and Jim Pedone were present. GM Jonathan Fitch was present.

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

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

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the attached meeting minutes from August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, and September 29, 2021.

Customer Questions or Concerns: GM Fitch informed the Board that WBMLP received and responded to an “Open Meeting Law Complaint”. Our current public meeting space is not ADA accessible. WBMLP’s short term solution is to offer remote participation in meetings through zoom. We could also relocate to Senior Center or Town Hall. WBMLP will include on future meeting posts that we will provide appropriate accommodations for any customers with advance notice (i.e., foreign language translator, hearing impaired sign language, etc.).

Finances: The Board reviewed the income statement and bank balances to date.

Special Project 2015A: GM Fitch provided the Board an update on Project 2015A. Project 2015A is a 55MW Peaker Plant located in Peabody MA. West Boylston’s share is 1.6 MW (2.9% of total). 2015A will replace Peabody’s older GT1 generator and provide MLP’s a capacity hedge. Project is a capacity resource and not expected to operate more than 239 hours a year. Plant emissions in CO₂-lbs/MWH is less than 94% of the existing peaker plants in MA. WBMLP paid approximately \$231,973.30 in development and permitting costs to date. We expect 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. We expect construction to begin by the end of this week.

MCAN Public Requests Request: GM Fitch informed the Board that WBMLP received and responded to the attached MCAN public records request related to

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Special Project 2015A. WBMLP provided the information requested, not including confidential materials.

Residential Electricity Rates: The Board reviewed and compared WBMLP 's residential electricity rates with Worcester MA residential rates.

GGES and Percent Non-GHG Emitting Power Supply: The Board reviewed and discussed WBMLP's actual and forecasted percent non-GHG emitting power supply and our progress to date, meeting the Greenhouse Gas Emission Standard (GGES).

29 Prospect Street Property: The Board discussed WBMLP's submittal of Site Plans for a special permit through the Planning Board. A public hearing will be scheduled in the February/March 2022.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): GM Fitch let the Board know that WBMLP is still considering a 3MW/9.8MWh BESS at the solar site located at 225 Shrewsbury St.

Overhead line Trimming: The Board and GM discussed finishing the second phase of overhead line trimming.

Offshore Wind: GM Fitch told the Board that the third state procurement (RFP) of offshore wind is underway. MA should award projects to wind developers by December 17, 2021. WBMLP and MMWEC are trying to acquire a PPA for offshore wind.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

Winthrop Handy

Jim Pedone