

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2022

Present: Commissioner's Jim Pedone, Tony Meola, and Win Handy, General Manager Jonathan Fitch and Assistant GM Brian Allen.

The Board meeting started at 5:07pm.

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

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the attached meeting minutes from October 5, 2021, and October 19, 2021.

Customer Issues: GM Fitch and Assistant GM Allen provided the Board the following summary of the outage and repairs that occurred at 104 Goodale St. 104 Goodale St recently had to replace their underground direct buried electric service because it failed and reached the end of its useful life.

WBMLP did not charge the customer for the temp service, new utility pole, transformer pad, and transformer. The customer was responsible for hiring a contractor to dig a new trench and install conduit from the property line along the driveway, to a new transformer pad and transformer.

The Board discussed WBMLP's Terms and Conditions (See attached) which requires charging customers for any upgrades and replacements. WBMLP does not charge larger upfront interconnection costs for new customers. Larger upfront costs could cover future replacements and upgrades. WBMLP currently charges the smallest amount possible for new customers to interconnect. Customers are responsible for interconnection costs from the property line into the home or business. The rest of WBMLP's customers are not responsible for paying for upgrades and replacements on other customers private property (example: very long driveways versus one span).

Finances: The Board reviewed the income statement and bank balances to date. GM Fitch let the board know the FY2021 financial audit is underway.

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Bucket Truck: The Board and WBMLP staff discussed purchasing a new bucket truck the costs approximately \$315,509 which includes a fiberglass body. This new truck would replace our 2007 bucket truck which is also not 4-wheel drive. The 2007 is currently stored outside. WBMLP expects to auction the 2007 bucket truck for \$15k-\$20k. The new truck has at least a one-year delivery date. The Board discussed keeping the 2007 bucket truck as a backup.

Special Project 2015A: GM Fitch provided the Board an update on Project 2015A. Project 2015A is under construction and we expect the 55MW Peaker Plant located in Peabody to go online in early 2023.

29 Prospect Street Property: The Board and staff discussed the project to construct a new garage at 29 Prospect St. WBMLP submitted our Site Plan for a special permit through the ZBA. The public hearing was conducted and continued till February 17, 2022. Next, WBMLP will file a Site Plan Review with Planning Board and a public hearing should be scheduled in March 2022.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): GM Fitch informed the Board that MMWEC is consolidating individual MLP efforts to purchase, contract, and install a behind the meter BESS. WBMLP is considering a 3-4.9MW BESS at the solar site located at 225 Shrewsbury St.

Special Project 2021A (Offshore Wind): GM Fitch informed the Board the third state procurement of offshore wind was awarded to Mayflower and Vineyard Wind. MMWEC, on behalf of MLP's, is anticipating procuring, through a PPA, 100MW of Mayflower wind in the 2027 timeframe at the same rate offered to IOU's. On February 9th Mayflower is expected to receive internal approval to offer MMWEC MLP's this PPA.

MMWEC is also working on a joint venture/ownership with an offshore wind company for their development in an offshore leased area and a future procurement process through RI. This facility should be built in the 2030-2033 timeframe.

Hydro PPA: The Board and staff discussed a potentially firm hydro PPA for (10) years 2024- 2033 at \$66.20/MWh. WBMLP could purchase an amount between 0.225MW - 0.5MW. MMWEC needs a group of MLP's to make the PPA cost effective. Commissioner Handy discussed the old MWRA hydro contract.

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Utility Poles: Assistant GM Allen provided the Board an update on the project to replace approximately (40) utility poles along North Main Street.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

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Jim Pedone