

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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

The Board meeting started at 5:00pm.

Present: Commissioner's Win Handy and Tony Meola were present, Commissioner Jim Pedone attended remotely. GM Fitch and Assistant GM Allen were present. Resident Susan Durham attended remotely.

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

Meeting Minutes: The Board did not review and approve the attached meeting minutes from November 3, 2021, and December 7, 2021.

Customer Issues:

1. Customer and resident Susan Durham introduced herself and is interested in learning about WBMLP's energy supply, efforts to reduce GHG emissions, and electrification of HVAC systems.

The Board and GM Fitch welcomed Susan to the meeting. GM Fitch summarized WBMLP's Greenhouse Gas Emission Standard (GGES) and how WBMLP is about halfway to meeting the overall goal of "net-zero" GHG emissions by 2050. GM Fitch will coordinate with Susan to provide the Briarwood residents a presentation on our GGES, rebates, ASHP, energy supply, etc.

2. GM Fitch let the board know he met with our customer from 104 Goodale Street on February 17, 2022. The customer replaced their private property direct buried electric service because it failed and reached the end of its useful life. The service failed previously in February 2017 and WBMLP did not charge the customer for the temporary service to restore power immediately or the repairs which included hiring a contractor to dig up the underground service along the homeowner's driveway. The second failure of the 35-year-old direct buried conductor occurred on June 21, 2021. WBMLP restored power immediately with a temporary overhead service and began discussing options with the customer.

The customer paid a contractor approx. \$15k to replace approx. 380' of the direct buried service with a new conduit and conductor along their driveway. WBMLP spent approx. \$8,292.75 for a new utility pole, transformer pad, transformer,

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conductors, and labor/equipment to reconnect the new service. WBMLP only charged the customer \$1,903.34 for our work.

GM Fitch let the customer know that our Terms and Conditions required us to charge 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 and have been responsible for interconnection and replacement costs from the property line into their home or business.

3. 30 Osgood Ave. GM Fitch informed the board that a distribution transformer experienced voltage fluctuations on February 11, 2022. When the customer contacted WBMLP, we immediately replaced the transformer which corrected the fluctuations. Mr. Rettig requested reimbursement for hiring an appliance technician and electrician to check his appliances and voltage. See attached letter for WBMLP's response. Unless there is gross negligence or misconduct by WBMLP, our terms and conditions state we not responsible for damages because of voltage fluctuations, disturbances, or outages. The Board instructed GM Fitch to ask our insurance company to review the claim and resolve.

Finances: The Board reviewed and discussed the attached FY2022-FY2025 budget.

Mass Save Rebates: GM Fitch provide the Board a summary of the Eversource natural gas rebates and 0% interest loans to convert natural gas customers to electric air source heat pump systems.

Bucket Truck: The Board discussed the requirement for a new bucket truck and voted to approve the purchase of a new bucket truck costing approximately \$315,509.

29 Prospect Street Property: GM Fitch updated the Board. WBMLP filed a Site Plan Review application with the Planning Board and the public hearing is scheduled at 7.00pm, March 9, 2022. WBMLP is soliciting bids for demolition and expects bids on March 9, 2022.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): Did not discuss.

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Offshore Wind Projects: Did not discuss.

Hydroelectricity (Clean Energy) PPA: The Board and GM confirmed the purchase of clean energy from Brookfield Hydro for a (10) year, firm, hydro PPA starting in 2024 thru 2033 for \$0.0679/kWh.

Product(s): Firm Hydro Energy and Maine Class 2 RECs

Term: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2033

Delivery Point: Mass Hub DA

Price: \$0.06790 per kWh

Annual value: \$297,402.00

WBMLP will purchase 0.5MW, which equals 4,380,000 kWh's or about 7% of our annual energy supply. This clean energy would help West Boylston meet our greenhouse gas emission reduction goals (potentially thru at least 2030, depending on load growth) and close a portion of our open position in the energy market.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Win Handy

Jim Pedone

Tony Meola