

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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

Meeting started at 5:05pm. Commissioners Meola, Pedone, and Handy were present. GM Fitch and Assistant GM Allen were present.

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

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the attached meeting minutes from August 2, 2022, and September 8, 2022.

Customer Issues: GM Fitch provided the Board an update on the voltage issues at S&S Farms and the hazardous trees on Worcester Road.

Electricity Rates: The Board and staff discussed the attached flyer customers received in their last bill explaining electricity rates through the winter.

Financials and Budget: The Board reviewed the attached income statement to date. GM Fitch will ask MMWEC to present the Board a review of our reserve trust investment account.

New Garage Bids: GM Fitch let the Board know that WBMLP executed the contract documents and held a kick-off meeting to discuss schedule, additional cost reductions, etc. We expect an early spring 2023 start date.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): The Board and staff discussed the BESS project. MMWEC is preparing the contract documents between Delorean Power and WBMLP for a new 3MW/9MWh BESS worth \$4.3M in NPV over 20 years. Delorean and WBMLP share 52/48% the transmission and capacity cost savings generated from this projected.

Inflation reduction Act (IRA): WBMLP will provide the attached summary for our customers as soon as credits and incentives are finalized and become available.

2023 Rebates: The Board reviewed and discussed the attached summary of the 2023 rebates proposed by MMWEC and NextZero. NextZero proposes to increase Section 5, Heating and Cooling by:

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Central Air Source Heat	\$250/\$500	\$1,750 (higher SEER)
Single Zone Ductless	\$300	\$625
Multi-zone Ductless	\$500	\$1,250
Ground Source	\$500	\$1,750

GM Fitch will continue to review and finalize 2023 rebates and incentives.

MCAN Survey: WBMLP submitted its answers to the 2023 MCAN survey.

2015A Update: The Board discussed the project to install a 55MW natural gas capacity and balancing resource is under construction in Peabody.

- Gas turbine, generator, transformer, and all the other major components are getting installed on concrete pads.
- Plant is scheduled to be fully assembled this fall/winter and commissioned by June 2023.

New Billing Software: GM Fitch requested the Board consider approving the purchase of a new billing and accounting software. WBMLP's existing software has been in use for over 30 years. Upgrade is necessary to prepare for AMI, new electricity rates, TOU billing, e-billing, and billing new services in the future. The Board reviewed the following pricing summaries from two qualified vendors.

NISC

\$101,800 Upfront Configuration

\$61,056 Annual Recurring Cost

Meridian

Low End

\$147,000 Upfront Configuration

\$50,000 Annual Recurring Cost

High End

\$230,000 Upfront Configuration

\$169,000 Annual Recurring Cost

The Board asked when recurring costs would start. The Board asked GM Fitch to ask our auditors for their opinion about the new software. The Board will continue to review and consider at future meeting.

WBMLP Office Accessibility: Architect is still preparing design to renovate front entrance and install ADA ramp and parking space.

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Wachusett Causeway LED Lights: WBMLP purchased the sample LED column to install on the utility poles along the Wachusett Causeway. Fixture and control should be shipped/delivered by 11/4/2022.

Fast DC Level III Charger: RFP for bids was published and a bidder site visit was conducted today, November 1st. Bids are due by 2:00pm, November 10th.

Paul X. Tivnan Town Land: Town DPW is still testing the 35-acre parcel on Paul X. Tivnan as a potential town cemetery.

Flywheels: Amber will perform corrective maintenance on three flywheels from November 7-10, 2022.

Meeting adjourned 6:35pm. The next Board meeting is December 6, 2022.

Winthrop Handy

Tony Meola

Jim Pedone