

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Agenda

5:00pm, June 10, 2025, 29 Prospect Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Agenda: Please approve the agenda with any changes or corrections.

Meeting Minutes: Review and approve meeting minutes from February 4, 2025 and March 4, 2025.

Customer Issues:

- Completed installation of replacement shrubs at 8 Temple Street (Maple St).

Ripple Fiber: Ripple Fiber will attend the next Board meeting on July 1st to give us a project update. WBMLP is working with Ripple Fiber to receive ISP quality internet service in exchange for conduit access under two highway bridges in town. WBMLP is repairing manhole under Route 190 bridge crossing Woodland Street.

New Development:

- Century Dr: Site work began again for the 7-9 commercial/industrial buildings.
- 235 West Boylston St: Seeking Comprehensive Permit thru ZBA
- Hartwell & Shrewsbury Street. Under construction
- Marsh Hawk Way: Will complete this week

Financials: Please review the income statement through March 2025.

CBA Renewal: WBMLP is still negotiating a 3-year CBA with our line-workers effective July 1, 2025. Union employees will meet on June 18th.

Pole Replacement Project: This year's capital project will replace approximately 50-60 utility poles along West Boylston Street, Worcester Street, Newton Street, and Pierce Street will start June 16th and continue through summer.

Municipal Fiber Network: Completed the design of the ISP headend. Approved the PO to purchase headend equipment and service for WBMLP to become the ISP for municipal buildings. Once headend equipment is installed, we will connect and provide service to WBMLP's substation, library, senior center, and DPW first.

Regulatory and Legislative Issues: Here are the state regulatory and legislative issues WBMLP is working on. See attached document summarizing each issue.

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- **Large Building Energy Reporting:** MA DOER is mandating MLPs report large customer annual energy use. Approx (51) buildings on draft list in West Boylston. Potential settlement to make this a customer requirement with our assistance.
- **EEA GHG Clearinghouse Proposal:** EEA proposes to manage the Mass-Save rebate program and include MLPs in 2028. MMWEC reports that EEA will not include MLP's in Mass-Save.
- **ACT Regulation:** MassDEP ACT regulation delayed until January 1, 2027. Phase out the sale of diesel medium- and heavy-duty trucks.
- **Clean Heat Standard (CHS):** Requires WBMLP to fully electrify or convert oil, natural gas, and propane HVAC systems in an increasing number of residential buildings annually.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): The project is under construction, and we anticipate a commercial operation date of September 2025.

Temp Generator: The temporary summer generator was connected at the end of May and is operational for summer peaks.