

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Agenda

5:00pm, July 8, 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 April 8, 2025 and May 6, 2025.

Customer Issues:

- Double Poles on Laurel Street

Ripple Fiber: Ripple Fiber will provide an FTTH 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 repaired the manhole under the Route 190 bridge crossing Woodland Street.

New Development:

- Century Dr: Site work is underway for 7-9 commercial/industrial buildings.
- 235 West Boylston St: Seeking comprehensive Permit thru ZBA
- Hartwell & Shrewsbury Street: Under construction

Financials: Please review the income statement through April 2025.

Pole Replacement Project: The project to replace approximately 60 utility poles along West Boylston Street, Worcester Street, Newton Street, and Pierce Street is underway. Pole sets should be completed by the end of this week. WBMLP will begin line construction and transfer to new poles throughout the summer.

Municipal ISP and Fiber Network: Headend equipment is in stock and scheduled for installation. Once headend equipment is installed, we will connect and provide service to WBMLP's substation, library, senior center, and DPW first. Ripple's ISP service should be available within 60 days.

Regulatory and Legislative Issues: Here are the various state regulatory and legislative issues WBMLP is monitoring.

- **Large Building Energy Reporting:** MA DOER is mandating MLPs report large customer annual energy use. Approx (51) buildings on draft list in

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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. No new status.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): The project is currently under construction. Underground conduit work is complete. Foundation pads are under construction. Concrete foundations should be poured at the end of this week or next, pending any outcomes of the fire permit and fire department meeting this Thursday. BESS equipment will be delivered in the week of July 21st. We still anticipate a commercial operation date of September 2025.

Temp Generator: The temporary summer generator is connected and operational for summer peaks.

- The month of June peak was June 24th, hour ending 1900hrs.
- The month of July peak to date is July 1st, hour ending 1900hrs.

CBA and Other Employee Wages: WBMLP negotiated a new 3-year CBA and reviewed and adjusted office staff wages.