

# WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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## **Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, October 1, 2019**

**Agenda:** The meeting started at 5:20pm and the Board approved the agenda without any changes or corrections.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from July 9, 2019 and September 3, 2019.

**Customer Questions or Concerns:** None Discussed

**Financial Statements:** The Board and GM reviewed and discussed the attached income statement through August 2019 and bank balances.

**Town of West Boylston Survey MLP:** The GM provided the board with the attached list of written comments from Town of West Boylston residents who participated in the Town's 2019 Community survey.

**9-11 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary:** WBMLP reserved two spotlights from "Worcester Sound and Light" for the 2021, 9-11 remembrance event.

**Holiday Wreaths:** GM Fitch told the Board that he received a demo 50" side mounted holiday wreath. GM Fitch thought it was too large and suggested the Board approve a 36" wreath. The Board approved purchasing 36" wreaths at approximately \$375 each.

**U.S. Flags:** GM Fitch updated the Board on the pole mounted flags. WBMLP reinstalled the flags in the center of town, North Main, Street, and Causeway Crossing.

**Berkshire Wind II:** The Board and GM discussed the expansion project to add two more utility scale wind turbines at our existing site. The ribbon cutting ceremony is schedule at 11:00am, October 24, 2019.

**Tennis Court Lighting:** GM Fitch told the Board that he received quotes to convert the exiting HPS 1,000-watt lights at the tennis courts to energy efficient LED type. The price per fixture is approximately \$1,900. The Board discussed the project and approved the budget to replace the tennis court lighting.

**Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant:** The Board and GM discussed the installation of the metering and verification equipment and the commissioning of the (16) flywheels. GM Fitch told the Board that commissioning was complete and that a ribbon cutting ceremony would be scheduled. WBMLP is charging and discharging the flywheels daily to reduce system peak load.

**MLP GGES Standard/Legislation:** The Board and GM discussed HB2863 which helps the Commonwealth meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals and requires MLPs to establish a GHG emissions standard known as the “Municipal Lighting Plant GGES.” MLPs shall set the minimum percentage of non-carbon emitting energy sold by each MLP to all retail end-user customers as follows: (1) seven percent by 2021; (2) forty percent by 2030; (3) sixty percent by 2040; and (4) eighty percent by 2050.

The Board understands that WBMLPs existing large-scale hydro and nuclear energy complies with the GGES standard. The GGES standard provides WBMLP time to change its energy portfolio and help the Commonwealth reach its GHG emission reduction goal of 80% by 2050.

**Fiber Backbone:** GM Fitch provided the Board an update on the backbone fiber project. Boylston, West Boylston, and Sterling purchased the material to install the fiber backbone thru each territory. WBMLP is responsible for purchasing and installing 6 miles of 432 ADSS fiber and hardware along Route 140 from Boylston to Sterling.

**Building Renovations:** GM Fitch let the Board know that only one bid was received in response to our IFB to renovate the old office area. The bid was \$859,500 which was well over the budget so WBMLP canceled the IFB. The Board approved canceling the IFB.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

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