

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2019.

Present: Board members Tony Meola and Win Handy, and, GM Jonathan Fitch, were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Commissioner Handy.

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda.

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the attached meeting minutes from December 4, 2018 and January 8, 2019.

Customer Questions or Concerns: None discussed.

2018 Financials and Bank Balances: GM Fitch updated the Board regarding the annual financial audit that is underway by Goulet, Salvidio & Associates P.C.

OPEB: The Board and GM discussed the updated OPEB (retiree health insurance and life insurance) status and liability as of December 31, 2018:

Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	\$1,068,598
Value of plan assets	\$738,214
Net OPEB Liability	\$330,384
Funded Ratio	69.1%

The Board discussed a five-year plan to contribute \$60k annually to fully fund the OPEB liability by the end of 2023. The Board voted 2 to 0 in favor of funding the OPEB by \$60k annually until 2023.

Berkshire Wind Phase II: Gm Fitch updated the Board on the installation of (2) new 2.3MW wind turbines and that the project is expected to be complete by April 2019.

Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant: The Board and GM discussed the flywheel energy storage project. Amber installed (8) flywheels and are commissioning the energy storage system. WBMLP expects to have (8) fully operational soon.

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MLP Solar Rebate: The GM gave the Board an update on the MA DOER MLP solar rebate proposal. MA DOER may provide a matching grant to a MLP solar rebate program. See attached solar program description.

MLP GGES Legislation: The GM told the Board that 56 legislators signed onto the MEAM MLP greenhouse gas emissions bill filed last month. This legislation was proposed by the MLP's to assist the commonwealth in meeting its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. Each municipal lighting plant will establish a greenhouse gas emissions standard known as the "Municipal Lighting Plant GGES." Municipal Lighting Plant GGES shall set the minimum percentage of non-carbon emitting energy sold by each municipal lighting plant to all retail end-user customers purchasing electricity pursuant to rates established pursuant to section 58 of chapter 164 as follows: (1) seven percent by 2021; (2) forty percent by 2030; (3) sixty percent by 2040; and (4) eighty percent by 2050.

APPA Light Up Navajo: The Board and GM discussed the tentative plan to send (5) line-workers to the Navajo Nation to train on rural utility standards, different utility work practices, different safety practices, and new construction techniques while providing electricity to unserved customers. WBMLP plans to send (2) line-workers one week, then swap out with (2) more line-workers the next week, and two more the week after, (3- weeks total) from April 13 through May 4th.

MCAN MLP Report: The GM provided the Board copies of the Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) recently published MLP scorecard. The GM pointed out that WBMLP is ranked 5th on their attached scorecard. The Board discussed the MCAN scorecard.

Wachusett Causeway Lighting: The GM updated the Board on this project to install decorative LED lighting. Lumenpulse, a manufacturer of LED lighting products will provide some LED products that we will install on the causeway.

Building Renovations: The Board and GM reviewed and discussed the building interior demolition project which is complete. Davis Architect is going to complete the interior design and specifications for the renovation project.

Electrical Distribution Projects: See attached list of projects for FY2019.

Library Exterior Lighting: The library exterior lighting project will begin in spring 2019.

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Other: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm. The next meeting is March 5, 2019.

Tony Meola

Winthrop Handy