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September 23, 2021

TO: Board of Selectmen

RE: OPEB Valuation

The Town regularly works with Odyssey Advisors for the valuation on Other Post Employment Benefits, more commonly referred to as "OPEB". In essence, OPEB provides coverage for employees in retirement and is most commonly used for Health Insurance and Dental Insurance. These are all benefits outside of one's pension.

As of June 30, 2020, the Town's OPEB liability was \$110,491,909. Through a variety of factors, the Town's OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021 was reduced by \$6,407,947 to \$104,083,962. One key driver in this figure is the growth in service cost as medical care prices increase year over year. It remains very challenging to forecast the rate at which the growth will occur. This is compounded by the steady increase to the number of dependents covered under OPEB.

The Town also continues to take steps each year to help improve their position. In 2016, the Town formalized its Contingency Liability Policy. This commits, at a minimum, the amount received in the prior year from collection of Meals Tax. The Town has continued to go above and beyond the policy requirement and voted to transfer \$1,000,000 to the OPEB Trust Fund at recent Annual Town Meetings. The investment gains in this Trust have continued to perform strongly and the balance in the Town's OPEB Trust Fund is \$9,963,677 as of June 30, 2021. Thanks to this, the Town has a Net OPEB Liability of \$94,120,285.

By continuing to stay on top of this with an annual appropriation to the Trust, the Town can help defray these costs before they become a larger issue in the long term.

Should you wish to discuss this further, I will be available to answer any of your questions.

Thank you,

Bryan Perry
Finance Director/Town Accountant

cc: Jeffrey M. Hull, Town Manager
Finance Committee



Wilmington, Massachusetts

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION


FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

September 24, 2021

TO: Board of Selectmen

RE: Town Counsel Training

At your meeting on September 13th the question was raised about the ability for KP Law to conduct training either during the business day or during the evenings. Mark Reich, Esq. from KP Law, has confirmed that he or other representatives from the firm are able to conduct training at either time. The Town will need to confirm the intended topics and request dates well in advance to ensure that attorneys can avoid conflicts with other commitments and adequately prepare for the training. Generally, when the training topic is most germane to personnel, the session would be scheduled during the business day. Training topics that are applicable to boards, committees and commissions are typically scheduled in the early evening to accommodate volunteers.


Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager



Wilmington, Massachusetts

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

September 24, 2021

TO: Board of Selectmen

RE: MBTA Advisory Board

Brian Kane, Executive Director of the MBTA Advisory Board, has indicated that the Board is awaiting Governor Baker's appointment of an individual to the MBTA Board of Directors so that they can set their meeting schedule. Once that occurs the MBTA Advisory Board will set its fiscal year 2022 meeting schedule. There is no indication when the Governor will make his appointment. Typically, the Advisory Board and its subcommittees would meet between 6 and 8 times per year depending upon the issues. The full Advisory Board meets (via Zoom more recently) three to four times per year. There is a fall "check-in" meeting with a senior MBTA executive. In the spring the Advisory Board convenes and votes on the MBTA capital and operating budgets. Additionally, there is an annual meeting during which officers are elected and appointments are made to subcommittees. This annual meeting has taken place in June.


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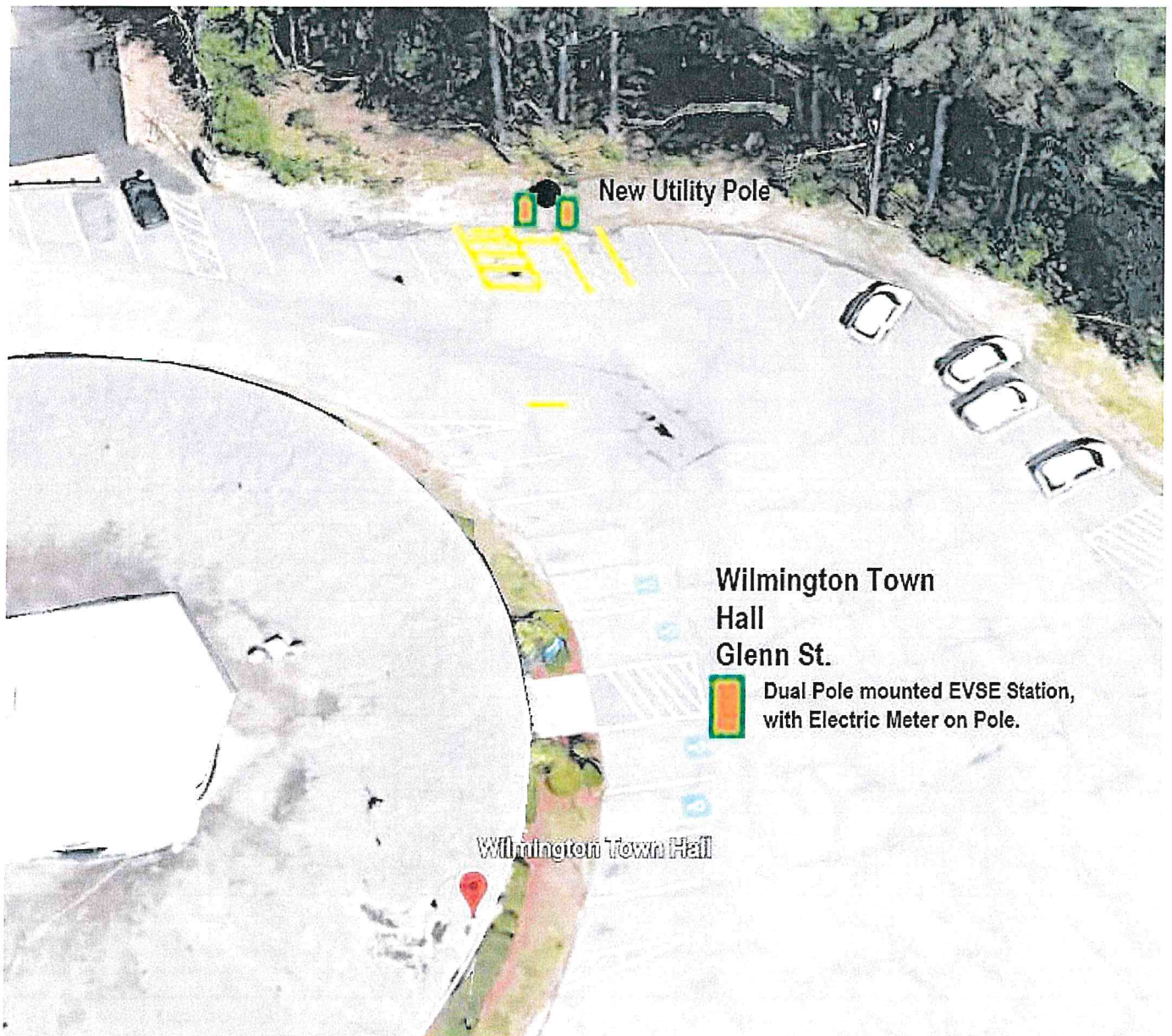
RE: RMLD Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

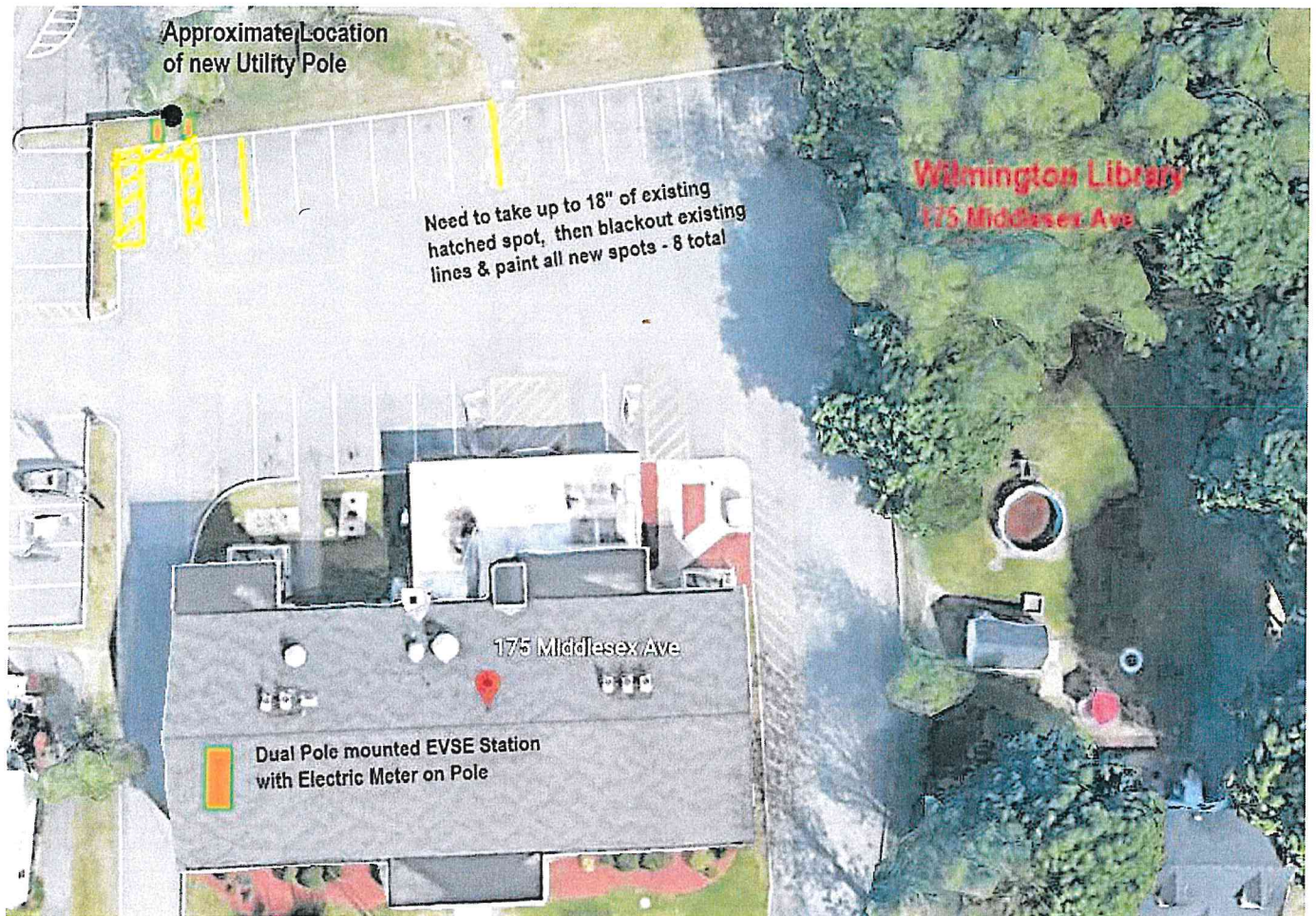
The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has approved siting of an electric charging station at the Town Hall parking lot and at the Wilmington Memorial Library parking lot. The attached photographs illustrate the location of the charging stations. Currently, RMLD is preparing site plans for the installation of the charging stations. Prior to their installation the Town will be asked to enter into a thirty (30) year license to authorize the use of the identified locations for the specific purpose of charging stations. As noted during prior discussions, the costs associated with design, construction and maintenance of the charging stations will be assumed by RMLD.


Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager

Attachment

cc: George Hooper, Public Buildings Superintendent
Michael Woods, Public Works Director







REMINDER: Boston Region MPO Seats Open

The following seats are up for election in the fall of 2021:

- One city from the Boston region, currently held by the **City of Newton**
- One town from the Boston region, currently held by the **Town of Arlington**
- One municipality (city or town) from the [Three Rivers Interlocal Council \(TRIC\)](#) subregion, currently held by the **Town of Norwood**
- One municipality (city or town) from the [North Suburban Planning Council \(NSPC\)](#) subregion, currently held by the **City of Woburn**

To learn more about the MPO elections process, review [Election Procedures and MPO Member Responsibilities \(PDF\) \(HTML\)](#). Nominations may be placed by any chief elected official from any of the 97 municipalities in the Boston region. Nominations are now open and will close on **October 1, 2021**. Voting for this year's MPO election will begin on October 11, 2021, and will last until October 26, 2021. This year's election is being held virtually. Chief elected officials from the 97 municipalities in the Boston region may vote electronically by contacting MAPC to request a unique electronic ballot. Results will be announced at the virtual [MAPC Fall Council Meeting](#) on October 27, 2021.

Election Documents

- [Election Procedures and MPO Member Responsibilities \(PDF\) \(HTML\)](#)
- [Nomination Form](#)

Request a Ballot / Information

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Sincerely,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
From the Office of the Town Manager

PRESS RELEASE

The Wilmington Conservation Commission invites residents of all ages to share a few hours of their time and participate in the Annual Town Clean-up Day on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am, rain or shine. The Conservation Commission is seeking volunteers and leaders to help beautify Wilmington's parks and conservation lands by removing litter and debris. Volunteers are asked to target specified locations in town, please refer to our website for locations on the map: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/planning-conservation/pages/2021-town-clean-day>. If you'd like to be a team leader for your neighborhood, contact us for a supply kit. Please dress appropriately for woods and wetlands and remember to bring sunscreen and insect repellent.

If you are unable to attend the clean-up event on October 2nd, feel free to enjoy the Town's resources and help keep them beautiful anytime you like.

For more information, please contact the Department of Planning & Conservation at (978) 658-8238, email the Conservation Agent, Cameron Lynch at clynch@wilmingtonma.gov, or visit <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/planning-conservation/pages/2021-town-clean-day>.



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VIRTUAL Public Power Week 2020

October 4-10, 2020

Public Power Week is an annual event celebrated by not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities such as RMLD. Public power utilities take pride in providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to the local community.



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In years past, RMLD has invited customers to an open house at its Ash Street Facility to meet the staff and enjoy fun, educational activities. This year, due to the pandemic, Public Power Week is going **VIRTUAL!** While it's not the same as being together, we hope that you and your family will enjoy these online resources and activities commemorating Public Power Week!

For the Kids

Virtual Storytime about Electricity!

(appropriate for preschool-aged children)

RMLD has partnered with the libraries in Reading, North Reading, and Wilmington to bring your young children a virtual storytime about electricity!

[Click here to watch.](#)

Kids Experiment Activity

(appropriate for children ages 6-12)

Complete an at-home experiment with your child, submit a picture of the experiment, and we'll mail your child an RMLD goodie bag!

[Click here for more information.](#)

For the Whole Family

Energy Efficiency Photo Scavenger Hunt

Capture and upload all of the pictures on RMLD's photo scavenger hunt list and be entered into a raffle to win a Nest Thermostat!

[Click here for more information.](#)

RMLD Lineworker Video

Watch this short video to get a glimpse into what it's like to be an RMLD lineworker.

[Click here to watch.](#)

Public Power in MA Video

Watch this short video to learn about the benefits of public power in Massachusetts. Produced by the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts (MEAM).

[Click here to watch.](#)

Source URL: <https://www.rmlid.com/virtual-public-power-week-2020>

From: Connors, Niall S <niall.s.connors@verizon.com>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:28 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Verizon Fios TV - LFA Notification - WWDP Evine Live Boston Content & Name Change

Dear Municipal Official:

This is to notify you of a change to Fios® TV programming.

Effective immediately, WWDP Evine Live Boston has changed to WWDP Shop HQ on channels 46/546. This is a provider-driven change.

Verizon began notifying subscribers through the Fios® TV Message Center on or around September 15, 2021. A sample customer notice is attached.

Access to the Fios® TV channel lineup is available 24/7 online at [verizon.com/fiostvchannels](https://www.verizon.com/fiostvchannels).

We realize that our customers have other alternatives for entertainment and our goal is to offer the best choice and value in the industry. Verizon appreciates the opportunity to conduct business in your community. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Niall Connors

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