

## MA Municipal Electric Light Dept. Governance

### Summary:

The following information on municipal electric light department governance is taken from municipal websites (except as noted) and shouldn't be considered definitive. However, the general outlines are clear. The information shows that a large majority (29) of the 40 listed municipalities with municipal light departments have elected Light Boards. A small minority of municipalities (7, it appears) have some type of appointed Light Boards -- but there appear to be differing types of appointed authorities. In a smaller minority (3) the BOS serve as the Light Board.

[The below list does not include the tiny Town of Gosnold for which there is no easily obtainable on-line data.]

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Governance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1. Ashburnham	Elected Board	3 members, staggered 3 yr. terms
2. Belmont	BOS is Light Bd.	
3. Boylston	Elected Board	3 members, staggered 3 yr. terms
4. Braintree	Elected Board	3 members
5. Chester	Elected Board	3 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
6. Chicopee	Possibly appointed	3 members
7. Concord	Town Mgr. appoints	5 members
8. Danvers	Appointed Town manager appoints. Cites Chap. 12 of Town Mgr. Act., sec. 17. Bd. "possess all of the powers and rights imposed by law... subject to supervision and direction of [Town Mgr.]"	3 members, staggered terms
9. Georgetown	Elected Board	3 members
10. Groton	Elected Board	3 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
11. Groveland	Elected Board	3 yr. terms
12. Hingham	Elected Board	3 members
13. Holden	Appointed? Muni. Power Adv. Bd. delegated authority to direct and control daily operations of HMLD	
14. Holyoke	Appointed by Mayor	3 members, 6 yr. term
15. Hudson	Elected Board	3 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
16. Hull	Elected Board	5 members, 3 yr. staggered terms

17. Ipswich	Advisory sub-committee (5) (BOS is Elec. Lt. Bd.)	2 from BOS, 1 from Finance Comm. 2 citizens
18. Littleton	Elected Light and Water Board	5 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
19. Mansfield	BOS is Lt. Bd. (per Town Clerk)	BOS - 5 members
20. Marblehead	Elected Board	5 members, staggered terms
21. Merrimac	Elected Board	3 members, staggered terms
22. Middleborough	Elected Board	5 members, 3 yr. terms
23. Middleton	Elected Board	5 members
24. North Attleborough	Elected Board	3 members, 3 yr. terms
25. Norwood	BOS is Lt. Bd. (per Town Clerk)	BOS – 5 members
26. Paxton	Elected Board	3 members, staggered terms
27. Peabody	Elected Board	5 members
28. Princeton	Elected Board	3 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
29. Reading	Elected Board	5 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
30. Rowley	Elected Board	3 members (2 of 3 appear to be Selectmen currently)
31. Russell	Elected Board	3 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
32. Shrewsbury	Appointed by Town Mgr.	5 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
33. South Hadley	Elected Board	5 members
34. Sterling	Elected Board	3 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
35. Taunton	Elected Board	3 members
36. Templeton	Elected Light and Water Bd.	
37. Wakefield	Elected Board	5 members
38. Wellesley	2 appointed by BOS, 3 members of elected Board of Public Works	5 members
39. West Boylston	Elected Board	3 members, 3 yr. staggered terms
40. Westfield	Elected Board (with 1 member appointed)	