

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



June 18, 2024, Commissioner's Meeting

6:00 PM – Remote Go to Meeting

Commissioners Present: Bryan DiPersia, Mark Cousins, Danby Whitmore. Also, in attendance was General Manager Matthew Brown, Office Manager Eric Grover

Danby Whitmore opened the meeting at 6:04 PM.

Citizen Query

There wasn't anyone participating in citizen's query.

Review and Accept Previous Minutes

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Battery Storage Update

The battery storage project is moving forward. All three SIS studies have been completed and are being reviewed by Citizens. The surveying has been done, which will be followed by the site plans and permitting. Citizens have proposed locations based on a preliminary review but could be changed if we see something doesn't look correct.

The Site Licenses are in the final form and should be completed under the guidance of our attorney Deidre Lawrence. We are also working through the ESA with Steve Bern from Citizens Energy. Next week a meeting with Steve should take place to finalize the agreement. After that, the Interconnection Agreement should be drafted up by Diedre using a version utilized by her other BESS clients.

Managers Update

MLP Solar Continuation Update: There are now 33 total systems now. We lost one rooftop array due to a roof being re-shingled and the homeowner elected not to install the system.

Shutoffs: We have completed our second round of collections. The list is shrinking due to the hard work of the office and staying on top of the delinquent customers.

Construction Projects: The line staff have been working on the Ocean Avenue project. They have set new poles, ran primary and secondary wires, and updated transformers. This is also a partial voltage conversion from the Railroad Avenue stepdown.

The Route One Liquors Plaza job has been completed. There was a new pole, wire run, and pad mount transformer put into service. The staff did a great job and had the plaza energized by noontime on June 3rd.

The line staff is also putting up fault indicators around town.

We received four responses and two no bids to our RFQ Substation Transformer. Northern Transformer, Pennsylvania Transformer, Niagara Power Transformer, and Virginia Transformer all were bidders. Manager Brown met with Kevin Soden of PLM to go over the results and we have submitted a list of questions to the vendors and are now waiting for a response. Brown will keep the board informed as we get closer to officially selecting a vendor.

Recent Heat Wave/Storms: There have been a few calls due to the hot weather. Here is a breakdown of what we have had:

- 7/13/24 – Bradford Street - Had a bird go into the primary causing an outage.
- 7/14/24 – Glen Street – The transformer leads burnt up on the secondary side.
- 7/16/24 – 165 Wethersfield Street – A tree came down and took a service off one house.
- 7/17/24 – 379 Central Street – A tree came down and took a service off one house.

All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

Commissioner Danby Whitmore wanted to explore changing the size of solar arrays from our current solar rebate policy to a larger KW size giving a larger solar rebate. Commissioner Mark Cousins said rooftop solar can only fit 1 or 2 KW larger than what we already offer and that rebates for residential solar across the state are currently capped at 10 kW and there are also distribution system and interconnection issues that would need to be studied. Commissioner Bryan DiPersia and Whitmore would like to explore making a 10 KW plus system acceptable. DiPersia also liked the newsletter and said it should be quarterly. He enjoyed Ray Gouley's training and said thumbs up to the RMLP.

Executive Session If Required

Mark Cousins made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session and return to regular session for the sole purpose of adjournment. Danby Whitmore seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 6:31 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Adjournment

Mark Cousins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan DiPersia seconded. All voted in favor at 6:47 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

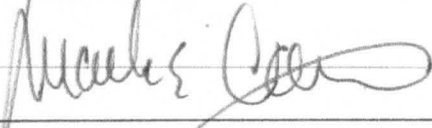
Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Danby Whitmore, Chair



Bryan DiPersia, Clerk



Mark Cousins, Member