

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



May 21, 2025 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 6:00 PM.

Citizen Query

There were no participants in citizen's query.

Board Re-Organization

Every year the board reorganized after the elections.



Danby Whitmore nominated Bryan DiPersia as the chair. Mark Cousins seconded the motion at 6:05 PM. All in favor "I" except Bryan DiPersia abstaining.

Bryan DiPersia nominated Mark Cousins as the clerk. Danby Whitmore seconded the motion at 6:05 PM. All in favor "I" except for Mark Cousins abstaining.

Danby Whitmore defaulted to member.

MEAM Meeting 5/14/25 at NEPPA

Manager Brown said there was a MEAM meeting which he couldn't attend. He read the agenda and stated that when the minutes come out, he will pass them along to the board. Under the legislative update, they provided a local control letter with the 15 municipals signed. Also the different MLP shared their salary information along with the announcement of the September 18th meeting in Plymouth.

Review and Accept Minutes for April 2025

At this time there weren't any minutes to be voted on.



Battery Storage Update

There really isn't anything new to update on the project. They are still working on the flood plain maps through FEMA. We have the currently have the proposed maps, we are just waiting on the permanent ones with the conservation agent.

Managers Update

MLP Solar Update: There are 38 total residential systems now.

Construction Projects: The following is a breakdown of the work done:

- GML has completed the pole testing on feeder three. We will get a list together with the final count of what must be replaced. A total of 754 were tested in two rounds with 18 failing. 12 have been replaced with the remaining 6 left to replace.
- We will be starting phase two of Kittery Avenue/Mansion Drive conversation. Currently we are setting what poles we can, and we will be having Mayer Tree come in to take down the ones that are in the line of the wire pull. We are also beginning work on Dodge Road for a three-phase extension for a new sawmill.
- We still have the last fifty-foot pole to set on Powerhouse Lane. We can complete the feeder two riser and then run new secondary from the station to Daniels Road and be completed.
- We are working on the purple LED streetlight list as time allows.
- We are planning to reconductor Christa Drive from the riser into the first transformer. This will make the ageing development all up-to-day with new wire as there was a problem in the past.
- The corner of Dodge Road and River's Edge Drive needs a couple poles replaced. When Mayer Tree was trimming out the circuit, they found the poles to be cracked. 100 poles are set and ready for transfer.

APPA SEP [Smart Energy Provider] Application: This has been submitted, and we are just waiting for any questions or comments they may have. Commissioner Mark Cousins commented regarding his Wakefield experience and said it is their third go around and this is their sixth year of offering the award.

Substation Transformer Project: The schedule for the substation project is looking to be on track. The transformer is being built currently in Virginia and the ship date for it will be November. Currently we are working on a bid package for the site contractor work to go the trenching into the control house. This should be done in the next few weeks with the dates finalized for the bid. It will be easier to do in the fall when the weather is cooler. Commissioner Bryan DiPersia asked who is responsible for the transformer being shipped as for as any damages to the unit along the way. It would all be on the transporter to get permits and the safest route here. All departments have been notified of the work being within the fence of the substation. It will take seven days for the pad to cure.

RMLP Emergency Action and Evacuation Plan: The Emergency Action Plan has been completed by GML. A copy will be sent to the board once Manager Brown receives it. Along with EAP, the MSDS sheets are being worked on by another outside contractor.

All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

There weren't any items to be brought up for this meeting.

Executive Session If Required

There was no reason to go into an executive session for this meeting.

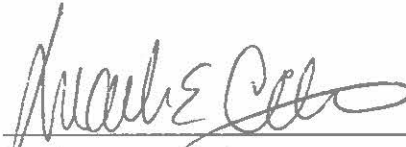
Adjournment

Mark Cousins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Danby Whitmore seconded. All voted in favor at 6:48 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Bryan DiPersia, Chair



Mark Cousins, Clerk



Danby Whitmore, Member