

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



September 10, 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 and Office Manager Eric Grover.

Bryan DiPersia opened the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Citizen Query

There were no participants in citizen's query.

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Manager Matt Brown mentioned he had sent the agenda out to the board. He said there were a lot of great topics at this year's conference, one being cybersecurity. If the board would like to attend, please let him know.

Review and Accept Previous Minutes

After reading the minutes from the previous meeting session, July 30, 2025, provided, the corrections made by the board were edited prior to the meeting.

Mark Cousins made the motion to accept the regular minutes for July 30, 2025, with the corrections made. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I," Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I." Voted in at 6:11.

Battery Storage Update

Manager Brown said the process is still moving forward, but slowly. He received word from Steve Burns who said the following:

"The FEMA maps did not provide all the necessary information needed, so our permitting team was going to review the site survey to assess the elevation and estimate the costs associated with raising the BESS above the flood elevation. It does not appear that there was a formal flood study performed."

"A key question here is whether the [Rowley] Conservation Commission would accept the elevation provided by FEMA's flood mapping or if they would require a more detailed study based on wetland regulations."

Commissioner Bryan DiPersia said it was good to know where the project is heading and where we stand.

Managers Update

MLP Solar Update: There are 38 total residential systems now. There have been a few more than normal calls with questions and looking into the program from our ratepayers.

2024 DPU Report: The annual report has been emailed and mailed to the state. The return receipt has been returned, and the auditing firm knows it was filed.

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

- **Powerhouse Road:** Our portion of the Powerhouse Road has been completed. We are just waiting on Comcast and Verizon to transfer communications off the old poles. There have been new URD risers on feeders two and three for better reliability.
- **Kittery Ave./Mansion Drive:** Last week the line staff installed 3000 feet of messenger for the new upgrade. They will be working on sagging and clipping it this week. The next step is to put up the rollers and then run in the new Hendrix wire.

APPA SEP Application: After applying for the award back in July, we were notified last week that RMLP will be rewarded and recognized at the Customer Connection Conference held on November 3rd. This is a big accomplishment for RMLP to be recognized.

Striving for Sustainability Green Fest: This event happened in the Town Common August 9th. This was a great way for the department to promote energy efficiency along with meeting with ratepayers. Commissioner Bryan DiPersia and General Manager Matt Brown both attended the event along with Ray S. from ENE Drives Electric. Commissioner Danby Whitmore said a number of people were very happy with their conversations with Matt.

Substation Project: General Manager Matthew Brown met at the Powerhouse Road substation with Kevin Soden from PLM and Brendan Reagan from Powerline Construction on September 4th. They were all getting a plan together to take out the two transformers and then move on with pouring the pad for the new single transformer. Colonial Excavators will be doing our work which is a target date on September 29th.

Pine Grove School Truck Day: Employees from the line department attended truck day held at Pine Grove School August 23rd. RMLP showcased our digger derrick, bucket trucks, plug in hybrid meter reading vehicle and pick-up truck. Our marketing partner JC Marketing got some photos that will be in the next newsletter coming out on September 15th. They had a nice day and a great turnout.

Additional Discussion: Commissioner Danby Whitmore wanted to just come back to the cybersecurity topic that was discussed under the "MEAM meeting 9/18 - 9/19 Plymouth MA" agenda number two. She was wondering if there was something that we could do to prevent what is going on in the world. General Manager Matthew Brown gave an explanation that Rowley isn't as sophisticated as the larger municipalities such as Peabody or Reading. Everything we do here is done manually, for example, the lineman must physically turn switches and relays out on the system. National Grid on the other hand has a SCADA system on the 23 KV line to do operations off a computer, tablet, or

control room in their operations center. These rules are followed by FERC/NERC and have standards on how things operate on a larger system to protect them from cybersecurity.

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.

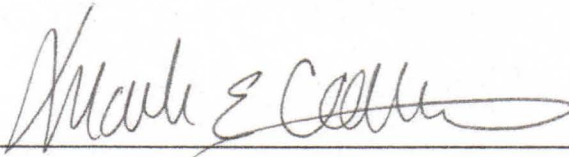
Adjournment

Mark Cousins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Danby Whitmore seconded. All voted in favor at 6:40 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