

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



May 14, 2026, 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 6:04 PM.

Citizen Query

There were no participants in this citizen's query.

Out of Order Agenda

Mark Cousins made the motion to go out of order and move the board organization to the end of the meeting. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I," Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I." Voted in at 6:07.

Review and Accept Previous Minutes

After reading the minutes from the previous meeting session, April 22, 2026, provided, the corrections made by the board were edited prior to the meeting.

Danby Whitmore made the motion to accept the regular minutes for April 22, 2026, with the corrections made. Mark Cousins seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I," Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I." Voted in at 6:08.

MEAM meeting May 20th.

Manager Matt Brown will provide the board with the agenda for the meeting, and it will be held at NEPPA in Littleton, Ma. Brown is scheduled for jury duty that day so as of now, he won't be attending.

Battery Storage

Manager Matt Brown stated the battery storage project is still at a standstill. Brown emailed the board with a response from Steve Bern of Citizens. Commissioner Danby Whitmore asked if maybe we should be looking elsewhere for another developer. Commissioner Mark Cousins said the email was well written and thought out, but he was in agreement that if we don't hear something soon, then maybe we should move in another direction. There

has been some discussion through Energy New England to see if other municipalities are in the same dilemma and would a partnership be thought upon.

Managers Update

MLP Solar Update: There are 39 total residential systems now and we should be up to 40 by the start of the summer. There is one array ready to go, but they are missing the meter on their side of the installation, so we will get them next month. Our first commercial array is now on the system.

Kittery Ave. This job is getting closer to being completed. The line crew is working on it as time permits.

Silva Lane: The Zoning Board of Appeals have said there is something in the works for this property. There was a load letter for the project emailed out to the board today on what the engineers are planning to do. Both the Planning Board and ZBA are working together on the project with the designer and builder. This was a good time to have the substation upgraded as it will hold any future load this project may warrant. Commissioner Danby Whitmore asked if we knew of any other projects going on, none that Manager Matt Brown knew as of right now.

Ongoing Projects: Chase Bank, Harborlight, and The New England Asian Restaurant have been working on getting their projects off the ground. We are currently working with Chase Bank on an easement.

Board Reorganization

Every year the board reorganized after elections.

Bryan DiPersia nominated Mark Cousins as the Chair. Danby Whitmore seconded the motion at 6:43 PM. All in favor "I" except for Mark Cousins abstaining with a roll call vote.

Mark Cousins nominated Danby Whitmore as the Clerk. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion at 6:43 PM. All in favor "I" except for Danby Whitmore abstaining with a roll call vote.

Bryan DiPersia defaulted to member.

All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

Office Manager Eric Grover gave the board a quick overview of the new Invoice Cloud billing/payment system we have implemented. As of current, we have 365 paperless customers and 200 ratepayers signing up for the monthly ACH. We have received calls with questions and concerns, but most are asking about the change. Some have asked about the service charge, but we explained the new options in payments, paperless billing, and greater ways to pay with a credit card, they seem to agree to the change.

Executive Session under GLC 30A, Section 21 a Strategy for Negotiations with Non-Union Personal

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

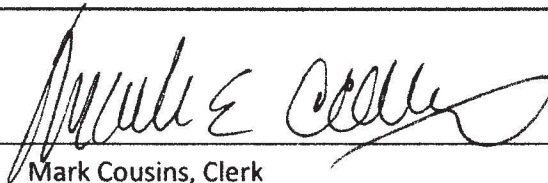
Adjournment

Danby Whitmore made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan DiPersia seconded. All voted in favor at 6:44 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