

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



June 10, 2026, Commissioner's Meeting

5:45 PM – Remote Go to Meeting

Commissioners Present: Bryan DiPersia, Mark Cousins, Danby Whitmore. Also, in attendance was General Manager Matthew Brown and Billing Clerk, Brigida Longo.

Bryan DiPersia opened the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Citizen Query

There were no participants in this citizen's query.

Community Green Fest June 27th (Rowley Town Common)

Manager Brown confirmed that this is an announcement notification.

MEAM meeting September 17-18 Plymouth, MA

Manager Brown confirmed that this MEAM meeting in September is the annual MEAM meeting. As it gets closer to the date, Manager Brown will share the agenda, speakers, and any other updates regarding this annual meeting.

Battery Storage Update

Manager Brown emailed the Board a response from Steve Bern (Citizens) on Friday, May 08, 2026. Brown also participated in the postponed ENE/LightShift call on Tuesday June 09, 2026. They proposed a similar 50/50 split transmission and capacity with a 12–14-month project timeline if no major hurdles exist with the system specifically. Brown is interested in getting more information/details before he calls Steve back from Citizens. He wants to make sure the board is updated on what is going on. Brown confirmed that we have not heard from Citizens in a while and it would be appropriate to begin to look elsewhere regarding battery storage. Danby agrees that she would like to see us move on from Citizen's. Mark confirmed that LightShift is the successor entity to DeLorean Power that MMWEC has been working with for the past 3 years or so. LightShift currently has a half dozen sites in MA including Wakefield. There have been only positive experiences which seem to be working. Brown confirmed that LightShift the equipment and they can deliver. Brown will keep the board updated. Bryan asked if Brown thinks that he would consider ENE has a positive outlook on the current types of regulations and progress with that type of situation. Brown confirmed the Investment Tax Credit is what everyone is watching with the thought process of the current administrative situation since things can change quickly. Brown will get more information and have John from ENE attend one of our meetings to provide an

update to RMLP. Mark stated that the tax attributes are solely with the developer not RMLP, since we are tax exempt. Any risks will be with the developer if they have a fear of this materializing.

Managers Update

MLP Solar update: There are now 40 total residential arrays. One new small commercial unit interconnected on 5/8/26. One more has reached out for more information and inquiring about solar.

Construction Projects update:

Kittery Ave Conversion: Kittery Ave conversion is 95% complete. The line staff has checked and changed any 5KV equipment. The remaining work to take place is to replace the transformer at the Seaview Nursing Home with URD cable/pad mount transformer and to schedule an outage for the conversion. Hopefully, this will be completed this year. This is a big deal to get rid of the step-down transformers that are on Jellison Road. That whole area has been completely rebuilt; it will be good for another 30-40 years.

Chase Bank: New riser pole has been installed and take off pole. We have been trying to get detail officers to pull wire across Route One. The staff were able to do some work from the parking lot on Mondays since the diner is closed. They relocated the transformer and worked inside the fence on the riser pole. The staff also did the same thing for Harbor lights home which has two different feeds. Detail officers are hard to come by, holding up these projects. Brown has spoken to the police Chief which confirms they are working with staffing issues. Chief is hopeful the detail officers will be available soon. There was the same feedback regarding the availability of detail officers from surrounding towns.

Harbor light Homes: Both riser poles and take off poles have been set. To get wires across Route One, we will need police officers for detail.

Silva Lane 40B project: The load letter has been sent to the board today. Brown spoke to Debbie from ZBA regarding approval for permitting. The estimated time on the permit is around 12/31/26. Brown has followed up with Ted Speros regarding engineering if he has followed up with PLM about the scope of the work and what they had to do regarding what load would be. Brown said we are looking for detailed information on what they are looking to do before we can provide any data to National Grid and any issues regarding the 23,000 KV lines that feed the town. Georgetown is one of them and Ipswich and Rowley are on both feeders. Speros said he will contact PLM soon to get the ball rolling on this project. Danby questioned the usage of 5500KW for buildings, which is almost 50% of RMLP system load. Danby is concerned regarding the load, it seems a lot. Brown agreed it's a big potential project. Engineers are involved in determining the load, transformers, and other potential plans and load. It is a large load for Rowley. Danby would like RMLP to be careful to watch and see what's going on before anything is approved to make sure we can handle it. Engineers will give a better picture regarding the load and long-term planning for Rowley and for what we will be needing for system requirements. Brown said the engineers look at system and wire size, transformers, breakers into the planning of what is needed for this type of system. We also do a 10-year forecast to plan. Brown said we are in excellent shape for this project. Mark compared system capacity to a slice of pie and reminded everyone that there will be future needs. Any changes to system right now will need to be looked at, what is needed, including expenses. The expenses will be the responsibility of the developer and not the rate payers. Brown followed up with Ted, and he will get back to us with PLM discussions. Brown said we did our part and PLM needs funds from developers before they calculate anything on this project. Brown will look at the load letter to see if there have been any additional updates since the load letter was sent.

Substation Project: The substation transformer replacement project is moving along nicely. The two control panels which Brown mentioned last month were delivered and are wired up. UPG was out on June 8th and today June 10th to do testing. Then we must repeat the process for the last two panels. We have revenue meters and sockets on order that have been delayed and the sockets are being shipped 04/29/26. Meter sockets showed up at the end of last week and we are waiting for word on the two revenue meters. IP addresses to meter and National Grid to be involved as well as some and testing once received. PLM is working on some drawings to complete panels for F2 and F4. Because of the heat wave, Brown decided to pick back up in Fall. Because of these delays and the hot summer months, RMLP will wait until Fall to continue working on this project. Danby asked once we begin working on this project in the Fall what timeframe we are looking at to complete the project. Brown said it's an extensive project so unsure of timeline of completion. One month timeframe depending on scheduling with the engineers and contractors.

All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

Brown confirmed that Invoice Cloud fees will remain at \$1.50 fee for the eft/check option. Brown was unsuccessful in trying to get them to reduce the fee to \$1.00. As discussed, the \$1.50 fee can be avoided by sending a check directly or paying cash at the office, so our Ratepayers do have the options for what works best for them. Rate payers seem to have been pleased with the process once set up and are able to receive bills via email, more payment options, and go paperless.

Executive Session under GLC 30A, Section to discuss Bargaining.

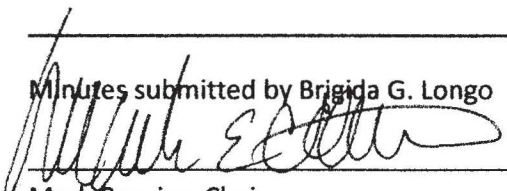
Mark Cousins made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session and return to the regular session for the sole purpose of adjournment. Danby Whitmore seconded. All voted in favor at 6:14 PM with a roll call vote at with everyone saying yes.

Mark Cousins made the motion to exit Executive Session. Danby Whitmore seconded. All voted in favor at 6:28 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Adjournment

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to adjourn the regular scheduled session for June 10th. Danby Whitmore seconded. All voted in favor at 6:29 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Minutes submitted by Brigida G. Longo


Mark Cousins, Chair

Danby Whitmore, Clerk


Bryan DiPersia, Member