

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



January 13, 2016 Commissioner's Meeting

7:00 PM – Town Hall Selectman's Room

Commissioners Present: G. Robert Merry, Robert Snow, Kenneth Keyes. Also in attendance was General Manager Daniel Folding, Office Manager Eric Grover

See attendance sheet for the public sign-in.

G. Robert Merry opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Citizen Query

Nobody from the general public participated in this citizen's query.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

After reading the minutes from the regular meeting of November 18, 2015 provided, there were no corrections.

Snow made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2015. Keyes seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:01 PM.

After reading the minutes from the regular meeting of December 9, 2015 provided, there were no corrections

Snow made the motion to accept the executive session meeting minutes of December 9, 2015. Keyes seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:02 PM.

2016 Operations and Maintenance Budget

The board was very impressed with how the O&M budget looked. Manager Folding explained it was down by \$150,000.00 from the previous year due to the purchase power being lower with the new contract we just signed. The revenue side remained the same as last year as the rate change was implemented.

Snow made the motion to except the budget for the 2016 Operations and Maintenance Budget. Keyes seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:09 PM.

2016 Capital Budget

Manager Folding wanted to bring attention to account numbers 364 and 365. This year there are other spots in town we would like to re-conductor such as Wethersfield St. to Bennett Hill Rd. from Route One. There are other small spots

around town we would like to complete this year also. Folding also mentioned he increased account numbers 372 and 373 for new LED lighting fixtures. The 392 expense line item was for the new bucket truck that was ordered last year. It was just a move over from last year's budget.

Snow made the motion to except the budget for the 2016 Capital Budget. Keyes seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:17 PM.

APPA Legislative Rally

Manager Folding asked the board to go to the APPA Legislative Rally in Washington on March 7-9, 2016. He wanted to make sure he could still go as it is very important to electric light municipals. The larger event may vary in date, it will be determined once NEPPA starts putting things together.

Snow made the motion to except to let Manager Folding go to the Legislative Rally in Washington. Keyes seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:22 PM.

Update on Rowley Generation Project/Solar

Manager Folding updated the board on how these projects are progressing forward. Legal has recommended that we advertise the project as a shared savings model for the generator just to cover the RMLP on the Massachusetts General Laws. Then we can sign the MOU with Tangent for the project. Most projects when done are a full capital expense and are done with when completed. This is different because it is a shared service model with Tangent, something new to the municipality world.

The other thing is the pad the generator is going to sit on. Legal feels this may be a public works project coming under 8039C. They feel the pad should be sent out for bid like any other part of a project.

Also, Energy New England is just looking into the final Icap Savings. They should have an answer by next meeting.

On the solar side, there is a company working with Country Gardens on Central St. Folding didn't want to divulge the cost of the PPA now, as they are still determining that figure. The site just has to be secured and permitting is the next thing to be done.

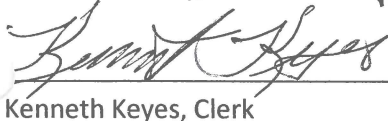
Adjournment

Robert Snow made the motion to adjourn. Kenneth Keyes seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 8:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover


G. Robert Merry, Chair


Robert Snow, Member


Kenneth Keyes, Clerk