

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



December 14, 2016 Commissioner's Meeting

7:00 PM – Town Hall Selectman's Room

Commissioners Present: G. Robert Merry, Robert Snow, and 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 October 14, 2016 provided, there were no corrections.

Snow made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of October 14, 2016. Keyes seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:02 PM.

Review/Approve 2017 Capital and O&M Budget

Manager Folding explained to the board things will pretty much remain the same for 2017. The salary account is the only thing Folding made an adjustment to as there will probably be a raise for the employees this year. Folding also explained he moved a few town accounts around from municipal to small commercial rate to help balance the cost to municipal departments. Robert Snow asked about the purchase of new poles and transformers. This goes hand and hand with the capital budget of account numbers 364 & 365. The completion of the three phase run up Wethersfield St. would be include in this. Two other accounts increased are 372 & 373, street lighting, as this is due to the LED replacement program. The account number of 390 has been increased for the roof replacement and other building improvements.

Snow made the motion to accept the 2017 Capital and O&M Budgets. Keyes seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:13 PM.

Update on Rowley Solar Project

Manager Folding updated the board on the Central Street solar project. It has been a roller coaster ride and within the next couple of weeks the Power Purchase Agreement should be completed and signed. Then it is up to the backer to get the project rolling and moving towards a start. The project should be completed by June of 2017.

Electric Vehicle Update/Grant Opportunity

Manager Folding said we just missed a grant opportunity for electric charging stations. Not because of a missed deadline, but Folding heard about it on Friday and the paperwork had to be in by Monday. He said that Vincent Ragucci, our ENE representative, has been keeping his eyes and ears open for any other grants that may come our way in the future. Folding forwarded an email to the board regarding what the Braintree Municipal Lighting Plant is doing and offering to their rate payers. There was general talking about what Rowley could do and places the chargers could go. Folding said he will keep an eye on this for future discussion as the board would like to do something someplace in town.

Changes To Public Records Law

Manager Folding handed out a breakdown for the new "Changes to Public Records Law that will affect RMLP." He explained the changes coming down the road in 2017. Folding thought it would be a good idea to start with the January 2016 minutes and go forward on our website. Minutes are the most common public records request.

Adjournment

Robert Snow made the motion to adjourn. Kenneth Keyes seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 7:36 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover


G. Robert Merry, Chair

Robert Snow, Member


Kenneth Keyes, Clerk