# **Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant**

# **Warch 15, 2017 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**

fter reading the minutes from the regular meeting of February 8, 2017 provided, there were no corrections.

Merry made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of February 8, 2017. Keyes seconded the motion. Merry and Keyes voted at 7:01 PM. Snow abstained.

# 7:10 Sandra Hamel to talk about electric service

Sandra Hamel addressed the board of her current situation at her residence on Main St. There has been a delay in working to get the service that was burnt up back up and running due to the weather conditions. Because there is a temporary service coming off of Nags Road, time is of the essence to get this project done. Sandra has said she will cooperate and get anything signed by legal to get the ball rolling. Next week we should have something in writing to help get this situation resolved. Sandra was happy with the cooperation the town has done for her and just wants to get this work completed.

#### APPA legislative rally report

Manager Folding was just reporting back to the board on his trip to Washington for the APPA rally. He emailed the board with the "talking points" from the trip and stated he met with many congressmen to talk about hot topic municipal issues. One of the topics was municipal bonds in which not only hurt light departments, but any municipality. Lese would hurt the capital investments because they are tax free. Also, FERC is having a hard time moving forward because their board is now down to two officials. They can't vote on new items coming in because they don't have a quorum. Another topic of discussion was the forward capacity market. In the next few years, the cost is going to be going up. For example, Rowley has a small portion of this market and it is going to go from eight hundred thousand to one point eight million in the year 2019. Finally there is going to be a new act put into place that Kennedy is pushing for.

It is called "Fair Rates Act" and it will be for issues that are deadlocked within the system to be expedited and resolved quicker. Folding said the APPA does a good job of keeping people educated and gets everyone on the same page when they put this rally together. Folding hopes he is allowed to go next year.

# Review and accept 2016 DPU Report

Manager Folding presented the board with the 2016 annual DPU report. He went over a few points on the report and said it is pretty much the same as last year. The board talked over some points, with interest to the percent of profit we made and other things that may change for 2017 such as the forward capacity market. Folding will make copies for anyone that would like a hard copy.

Bob Snow made the motion to accept2016 DPU Report. Keyes seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:31 PM.

# **Update on Central St. Solar Project**

Manager Folding brought the board up to speed on the solar project. He stated a "Central Street Solar LLC" has taken over the project and they have signed the interconnection agreement. The purchase power agreement has been signed so the only thing to do is get construction rolling. There were a few things they had to do for the town, weather permitting; they are ready to get the project moving.

#### **New Bill Format**

Manager Folding wanted to let the board know the new billing format will be rolled out in the April billing. We have pent a lot of time and effort in putting this new invoice look together. Hopefully the customers will like the new look and it gives it a great newer look.

# NEPPA Annual Conference August 20-23 Newport RI

Manager Folding just wanted to let the board know when the NEPPA Annual Conference is coming up in August. He just wanted to know the interest of the board and to see if anyone wanted to attend.

#### **Adjournment**

Kenny Keyes made the motion to adjourn. Bob Snow seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 7:42 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover

G. Robert Merry, Chair

Kenneth Keyes, Clerk

Robert Snow, Member