

# Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



**July 11, 2018 Commissioner's Meeting**

**7:00 PM – Town Hall Selectman's Room**

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

See attendance sheet for the public sign-in.

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

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## ***Citizen Query***

Resident Bryan DiPersia stated he has read the RMLP's Net Metering policy and was wondering if we have had thoughts of reviewing and rewriting it? His suggestion is maybe making it more consumer friendly with a true cost per kilowatt hour returned more appealing.

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## ***Review and Approve Meeting Minutes***

There were no minutes to review.

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## ***Rowley LLC Solar Update***

Bonnie Berkowitz had her lawyer give an update for the solar project. He explained the delay for the project with the planning board and how the new bylaw has slowed things down. They had to resubmit a new permit under the new bylaw and holding onto their original permit and feel optimistic to an approval.

DOER deadline couldn't be determined yet as the hold up is with the permits. They are hoping to have something soon to get the land clearing company in and get the stock ordered for a September tariff closure.

K. Snow still has concerns regarding the PPA and Interconnection Agreement and past dates. Once the permitting issue is solved, this will be addressed.

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## ***Review and Accept 2017 Audit***

Manager Folding presented the board with 2017 audit and manager's letter to the board from Bill Fraher, our CPA for the department. With everyone reading it prior, Folding asked if anyone had any questions. R. Snow said after looking it over, he has been in contact with Folding regarding the accounts receivable. R. Snow referenced section 2-C-3 and how it looked with the 30-60-90-120 days in comparison to what the department has versus what the report states. Folding said it was more around the 35K range and not the 98K range as stated. There is some difference between

payments of utility invoices and invoices being sent out for construction work such as new developments and car accidents. K. Snow said they lien in Groveland was wondering if we did the same thing? Yes RMLP does lien customers.

R. Snow made mention of page 3, 2-C-5 Risk Management. There really isn't anything the department can do because of the small work force there is in the front office. Both employees get the front window, but as far as opening the mail and making daily deposits, that falls mostly on the billing clerk. It is hard to change due to the small office, but everything is accounted for at month end.

*R. Snow made a motion to accept the 2017 Audit. K. Snow seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:23.*

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### **Continuation of General Managers Review**

K. Snow opened up the discussion that he has the lowest amount of time in as far as managers go in the area. K. Snow handed out a comparison sheet of the municipalities in Massachusetts and how much the present managers were making. He pointed out some medium sized departments and their salaries and numbers of meters. The board looked over the sheets and had some discussion of it.

Stated by the commissioners, Folding has set forward the solar project and the new electric vehicle keeping everyone aware of how it was progressing. There is also some talk of maybe getting a new building and how Folding has done a great job. K. Snow asked if possibly there would a chance that maybe Folding would stay on for another year as there is going to be a large gap in years of service with himself and Mark Bixby leaving close to the same time. Folding stated he would have to think about it. With that said, the group decided to table this for now and see what they could put together for thoughts then discuss it at the next meeting.

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### **Adjournment**

*R. Snow made the motion to adjourn. K. Snow seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 7:36 PM.*

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Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover

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G. Robert Merry, Chair

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Robert Snow, Member

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Kevin Snow, Clerk