

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



September 12, 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.

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 and executive session from August 8, 2018 provided, there were no corrections.

R Snow made the motion to accept the regular minutes from August 8, 2018. K Snow seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:02 PM.

R Snow made the motion to accept the executive session minutes from August 8, 2018. K Snow seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:03 PM.

Award

R Snow said at the annual Neppa Conference, G. Robert Merry was selected for the Commissioner Service Award given to a commissioner or elected light board member who have provided outstanding leadership to their public power systems for three full terms or at least ten years. Merry accepted the award with great enthusiasm and thanked everyone involved.

Rowley LLC Solar Update

Bonnie Berkowitz gave a quick update on the solar project. She said they were still working on with the final approval of the construction plans. The S-Rec 2 extension should be ok with these delays.

Rowley Community Solar Program

Manager Folding explained the program and how the residents are going to be benefited from it. The firm is in the last layout stage of how it will come together, and there should be a notice going out with the bills in the near future. There wasn't a deadline mentioned on when the program would close to the ratepayers, they just want to get it off the ground. Bryan Diposia mentioned that the wording should be changed from .02 per share, but rather .02 per unit. Share makes it sounds like someone is buying into the project.

Rowley EV Program

Manager Folding has been working on getting the finishing items done on the EV program. It will include all EV cars and hybrids also. This should be done by October 1st, so the word will be getting out there once it is all wrapped up.

Update on NewApprentice Process

Manager Folding has been working on hiring a new apprentice for the RMLP with the promotion of Mark Anderson leaving an empty spot in the lineman pool. There were 25 applicants and they have interviewed and come up with the final 3 people. They are doing interviews now and there should be a final choice by mid-October. K Snow would like the new person to come into a future commissioners meeting and meet the board first hand. He has done this in other departments and it works pretty well to get to know people.

Discussion on Manager Replacement

Kevin Snow made the comment that we should start to think about advertising this position because time is of the essence. Robert Snow said he has been thinking about it and the last time they used a head hunter to receive good quality candidates. This would broaden the search down to some good people.

K Snow said he could think of at least four people that would be interested in this position. What the position will be looking for is for profit power individuals and those that are business professionals in this field. Dan Folding suggested putting the ad into the public power sources. B Snow said a background check should be done. Folding handed out a job description to each member and said he would start on a job advertisement and email it out to each board member to go over and requested feedback from everyone before it is posted.

R Snow made the motion to have Folding work on a job description. K Snow added once approved by the board, place it on the Neppa.org website for candidates. K Snow seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:25 PM.

Robert Snow asked that tree trimming please added for the next meeting in October.

Adjournment

Robert Snow made the motion to adjourn. Kevin Snow seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 7:26 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover

G. Robert Merry, Chair

Robert Snow, Member

Kevin Snow, Clerk