

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



December 5, 2018 Commissioner's Meeting

7:00 PM – Town Hall Selectman's Room

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

See attendance sheet for the public sign-in.

Kevin Snow opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Citizen Query

Bryan Dipersia from 500 Wethersfield Street recently had a solar array put at his residence. He commended the RMLP for the quick service on our end and the replacement of his service drop to the house. Everything went well and he was pleased with the outcome.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

After reading the minutes from the regular meeting session from November 14, 2018 provided, there were no corrections.

R Snow made the motion to accept the regular minutes from November 18, 2018. K Snow seconded the motion. Merry absent. K & R Snow voted in favor at 7:03 PM.

Rowley LLC Solar Update

Bonnie Berkowitz gave a quick update on the solar project. She said the project is ahead of schedule as the tree work, site work, and materials have all arrived at the site. She has been working with the Rowley Community Solar portion of the project with Manager Folding. Together there will be a credit on the invoice once the array is up and running. It has been well received from other municipal towns so the residential and commercial customers should watch their bills for future notice on the program.

Net Metering Policy Discussion

As this topic has been brought up in the past, some of the ratepayers were wondering if there was a consideration to change the NMP. Manager Folding said compared to local municipals here in Massachusetts and on the national level, we compare to those standards. In the investor owned companies, there is a full retail credit back to the customer. There was some talk that about this, the customer wouldn't be paying for their fair share of the maintenance to the

electrical grid. Peabody Municipal Lighting has a roll over program where if you end up with a credit at the end of the year, it is rolled into the next year. Chances are that would never happen here.

Operations and Maintenance Budget Review

Manager Folding went over the operations and maintenance budget review for 2018. There was a loss on a few of the accounts, but they will be adjusted in 2019. The small commercial accounts including demands have had restructuring in 2018, so with this correction it should even out.

Rowley EV Program Update

Manager Folding has been working with Energy New England on a flyer for the next billing cycle. There will a notification going out to educate our customers on how to take advantage of the new program and a new addition has been added to our website.

Adjournment

R Snow made the motion to adjourn. K Snow seconded. Merry absent. K & R Snow voted in favor at 7:31 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover

ABSENT

G. Robert Merry, Chair

Robert Snow, Member

Kevin Snow, Clerk