

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



February 12, 2020 Commissioner's Meeting

7:00 PM –Rowley Light Plant

Commissioners Present: Bryan DiPersia, Mark Cousins, Sayad Moudachirou. Also in attendance was General Manager Matthew Brown, Office Manager Eric Grover

See attendance sheet for the public sign-in.

Bryan DiPersia opened the meeting at 7:03 PM

Citizen Query

Danby Whitmore from 61 Glen Street addressed the board. Her concerns were with the tree cutting in the area was it seems the tree company has trimmed back to far outside the trimming zone. She said there must be some rules on how a tree company can come in and do the cutting. The second item was requesting new construction be built to survive off the grid. To answer her questions, Northern tree is doing the trimming and they are in a 2 of a 3 year contract. Second, to make someone be able to be off the grid that would be a planning board ruling and I am sure the building inspector would have to get involved.

Bryan DiPersia at the close of the citizen query wished Eric Grover a happy 25 year anniversary.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

After reading the minutes from the previous meetings session from January 15, 2020 provided, there were no corrections.

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to accept the regular minutes for(January 15, 2020. Mark Cousins seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:14 PM.

Manager's Update

Community Solar: At this time, we are working to pull the community solar together. There has been a spreadsheet created and it looks as though residents could get a refund at the end of the year stemming from \$3.20 to \$30.00.

Rowley Ready Mix: This job is complete. It was a very involved job with lots of different contractors doing their part. The old four KV wire has been taken down and the next step will be to remove the stepdown transformers on Central Street.

Bradford Street 4 KV Upgrade: The weather has been on our side for this conversion. We are currently setting poles and the tree trimming crew has been in to take down a couple of the larger trees in the way of the new wire run.

End of The Year Inventory/Closeout: The line department counted and recorded inventory. All went well. Eric is working with Katie to finish out the year end. We look in good shape to get what we need for the town report and DPU report started.

Cash Reconciliation: As we get close to the end of the year, we are in good shape. Things evened out for us and we are actively watching our collection process.

Town Report Narrative: Currently the report has been almost completed. The only thing we are waiting on is the financial section from Katie.

Audit for March: The audit done by Bill Fraher will be coming up starting in March. He has reached out to us and will be sending over a list of items he needs.

2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article

Manager Brown brought the annual warrant to be read at this year's town meeting. This is a standard article that is read every year by the RMLP. Mark Cousins read it into record.

Mark Cousins made a motion to accept the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article. Sayad Moudachirou seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:30 PM.

Annual Town Meeting Article for PILOT Payment

Manager Brown presented a PILOT payment of \$31,851.06 to the Town of Rowley.

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to accept the FY 2020 Pilot Payment to the town in an amount of \$31,851.06. Mark Cousins seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 7:32 PM.

REC's [Renewable Energy Credits] Discussion

Manager Brown talked over our options of the end of the quarter three credits. Brown said currently we are in a good position as far as cash flow and this is a good reason why we haven't touched the PPA in over the last six months. RMLP has sold and revised some of our RECs during quarter three but the average for selling them is around \$18.00. We have a green portfolio which we do get money back from.

MCAN Muni Summit, Saturday, January 25th Summary

Chairman Bryan DiPersia & Manager Brown attended this meeting and said there was a nice turnout. There were a topics listed:

- Focus On Energy Efficiency Programs: EV's, water heaters, inclusive financing. Coming up with a strategic TOU rate, peak management, etc. Experiences from other Co-Ops or municipal utilities. Beneficial Electrification.
- Acadia Center Presentation on cost effectiveness of municipal EE programs, compared to Mass Save. Heat pumps- efficiency, pollution reduction, long term load opportunities, smart management.
- ENE/MMWEC: Available incentive programs. Property Assessed Clean Energy Program [PACE]-for the commercial side. Home Energy Market Value Performance [Home MVP] program. Residential Conservation Services [RCS] goals.

All other items not anticipated by the Chair

There is still a pick-up truck that needs to be purchased. Manager Brown talked with Neil Duffy and wanted to see where the RMLP fit in with the green communities program that was presented to the Board of Selectman. Duffy said that a Chevy 1500 4 wheel drive fits into the program. When time persists, we will look into it a little further.

Adjournment

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to adjourn. Sayad Moudachirou seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 8:02 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover


Bryan DiPersia, Chairman

Mark Cousins, Clerk


Sayad Moudachirou, Member