

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



April 7, 2020 Commissioner's Meeting

6:00 PM – Remote Zoom Meeting

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 6:02 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 previous meetings session, February 12, 2020 provided, there were no corrections.

Mark Cousins made the motion to accept the regular minutes for February 12, 2020. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 6:02 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Managers Update:

Community Solar: Eric is still working on this with Northern Data. For everyone submitting an application on time should be receiving some kind of compensation. We are planning on doing this for our customers in November as a once a year credit.

Bradford Street 4 KV Upgrade: All the poles are set, framed and new wire has been run. They heated up the primary and now are just working on cutting over the secondary house services. This project was put on hold during the COVID-19.

Wethersfield St. GOS Switch: The switch is up and is operable. This was part of the 4KV conversion project.

GIS Improvement [LTA Time/MVP]: Matt requested LTA time from the Merrimack Valley Planning to print 3 new large whole system maps. Create 4 separate maps [11X17] for storm folders to include whole system, F1-F4. These will be used for tree trimming as well as any outside crews utilized during storm events.

2019 Comparative Balance Sheet and Income Statement: There was a brief discussion on the both the balance and income sheets. Bryan DiPersia had a comment about the account numbers 435 & 436 maybe being changed. Matt Brown will look into that as he thinks Bryan is correct.

Substation Tree Removal: There was a total of 12 trees removed from around the substation that could have caused a falling hazard to the station itself. Mayer Tree came in and removed all the trees.

Building Upgrades: Neal Butler was in to do some work to the front of the building. He replaced the rotted decorative trim with new plastic composite to make it maintenance free. He painted the front door and the trim that needed touch up. The front of the building looks good now. The septic system has failed, but on a good note the perc test passed. William and Sparages will be working on design to see if they can fit it in the small space we have. The electrical and water may have to be relocated. The building, planning, conservation along with the board of health have been great through this process. In the end, it looks as though we need a whole new tank and leaching field.

Falcon Ridge Subdivision: The developer is waiting for the planning board to give them the final approval to get the project moving. The RMLP will be doing all the work up there and being paid by the developer. There were some questions brought up where this is just all residential or maybe commercial thrown in and the answer was strictly residential. Sayed Moudachirou asked with all the electric vehicles being bought would there be any public EV stations to charge their vehicles? Mark Cousins stated public EV stations shouldn't be put in a residential neighborhood, but maybe there could be an incentive to the developer to put in the proper wiring in the garages so the new homeowners, if they wish, could put in a charging station on their own. If it is made easily accessible, then it would entice them to do it. So in the end, maybe it would be worth talking to the developer to put make this project customized to greener needs.

Rec's [Renewable Energy Credits] Discussion:

The board is going forward with guidance for Matt Brown on what to do with the recs we have earned. The discussion has been on selling and retiring them and how to proceed moving forward. Matt Brown addressed the board and said when he first started and there was a cash issue he was selling all the rec's. Our cash flow issue has turned around, we are financially straight to where we were last year at this time, and things are coming together nicely. We have a very green portfolio right now, which is good, but a little more expensive.

All Other Items Not Anticipated By The Chair

Matt Brown just wanted to the board know that the DPU report is coming along with RMLP's Accountant Katie Tilton and that end auditor William Fraher will be starting to put RMLP's audit together shortly. All in all, everything is coming together.

Adjournment

Mark Cousins made the motion to adjourn. Sayed Moudachirou seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 7:00 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover

Bryan DiPersia, Chairman

Mark Cousins, Clerk

Sayed Moudachirou, Member