

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



May 13, 2020 Commissioner's Meeting

6:00 PM – Go To Meeting 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 with a roll call vote. All commissioners vote "I" to open the meeting at 6:04

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, April 4, 2020 provided, there were no corrections.

Mark Cousins made the motion to accept the regular minutes for April 4, 2020. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 6:06 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Managers Update:

Schneider Computer Software: The computer that we use for this software crashed back in March. This computer utilizes the substation motoring along with the building cameras. Matt called in the computer company we use for IT and the completely rebuilt the computer and separated out the two systems.

Wethersfield Solar Invoices: The first of the invoices finally have come in from Power Fund 1. You will see them in the next round of warrants for \$14,007.30 which is a total from 12-30-19 to 4-30-20.

2019 Audit: We have been working with Bill Fraher to do our year-end audit. We have emailed and supplied him with information he has requested. The office side of the audit should be done in the next few weeks.

2019 DPU Report: Due to circumstances, the DPU has received an extension till September. We have completed the bulk of the DPU report, and will have a final draft soon.

GASB 74.75 Disclosure: This reporting has completed by using the consulting group USI out of Connecticut.

Septic design/create scope and bid package: The septic design is complete, and now to work on the scope and bid package to get the project moving forward.

Substation Maintenance: The Powerhouse Road substation had its annual maintenance completed by our outside vendor PLM. They drained the oil of all the transformers, breakers tested, and routine inspections were completed.

MLP Solar Program: The program seems to be well received. We have signed up four new customers. There is approximately \$23,000 left of pledged money for the program. The DOER has extended this program until December 31st, 2020.

Residential Conversations Service [RCS], Municipal Action Plans [MAP]: The DOR has a new heatpump rebate which they will be rolling out at the end of June. Matt will have more information as it comes out.

MEAM Meeting 5-15-20: Cancelled because of Covid-19.

Other Issues: Matt just wanted to let the board we are doing the best we can with the whole Covid-19 situation. He is proud of the team and wanted the staff to know that. On May 18th we will be going back to a full staff keeping the single vehicle use in effect along with separation at lunch. Plans are right now to keep the building closed to the public as the drop box and online payments have proved to work very well.

Rec's [Renewable Energy Credits] Discussion:

When Matt first came here, he was selling most/all of RECs due to the cash flow problem. Now that RMLP has a better cash position, he has been selling the Class I recs and retiring all the Class II recs because they are of little value and have minimal impact to the ratepayers of Rowley. He had ENE run an analysis on selling them versus keeping them. The analysis shows that if we retired all recs it would raise the average ratepayers bill for 2020 by \$1.52 a month roughly a cost of \$18.24 per year. If we retired 50% of the Class I it would raise it \$0.77 a month or \$9.24 a year. Or we just stay the way we are right now. He recommended revisiting this later this year. For now the board agreed to continue the status quo and we will revisit later this year.

All Other Items Not Anticipated By The Chair (we will clarify at June meeting for transparency/clarity)

Matt wanted to make two transfers - one for depreciation (cash into depreciation/monthly scheduled amount) \$35,359.98 and one for capital improvements (depreciation back to cash) \$77,353.99. This transfer from depreciation to cash is the result of work done between January and March (Q1) for capital improvements such as the Bradford Street circuit upgrade from 4 KV to 15 KV, for labor and materials for any capital jobs. This will be done each quarter. The total for the transfer for Q1 2020 from depreciation to cash will be \$77,353.99.

[Per Matt Brown: We held off on the transfers because there was a question the following day on whether or not the motion was made correctly. We agreed that we would clarify during June 10th meeting. So because we deferred until June the monthly transfer from cash to depreciation will now be \$40,411.41 from June through December 2020. The Board was emailed a new depreciation schedule. The transfer from depreciation to cash will remain unchanged at \$77,353.99.]

Mark Cousins made the motion to transfer \$35,359.98 from cash to depreciation. Sayad Moudachirou made the motion to second and a roll call vote was taken with the group all saying "I" at 7:03 PM. [Reminder this will now change to \$40,411.41 because we agreed to hold off on transfer and clarity at June meeting.]

Adjournment

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to adjourn. Mark Cousins seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 7:11 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes. They will go into Executive session for the strategy session for negotiations with non-union personnel.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Bryan DiPersia, Chairman



Mark Cousins, Clerk



Sayad Moudachirou, Member