

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



October 14, 2020 Commissioner's Meeting

6:00 PM – Remote GoTo Meeting

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

See attendance sheet for the public sign-in.

Mark Cousins opened the meeting at 6:02 PM

Citizen Query

Nobody from the general public participated in this citizen's query.

Review and Accept Previous Minutes

After reading the minutes from the previous meeting sessions, July 14, 2020 and September 9, 2020 provided, the corrections were made previously to the meeting by Mark Cousins and Bryan DiPersia.

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to accept the regular minutes for July 14, 2020 and September 9, 2020 with the corrections made. Mark Cousins seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I", Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I". Voted in at 6:07.

RMLP Solar Hosting Capacity Presentation (PLM/Matt Dunnells)

Matt Dunnells from PLM gave a short Power Point presentation dealing with Solar Hosting Capacity. It is attached with the minutes for the record.

Managers Update

MLP Solar Programs Update: This program is going along with great response. There are two systems right now in the works to be built. That will leave \$13,934.00 for the remainder of the pledge. The DOER may extend the program longer if it is needed, but nothing has been confirmed.

Septic Replacement: The septic system at RMLP has been completed and all set for a final inspection. Woodall Construction was very professional, neat and was a great communicator when things needed to be done. Overall impressed with the job that they did.

Truck Logos: The new logos have been applied to the trucks. They are high visible and reflective and look very professional.

Falcon Ridge [Intersection – Line Upgrade]: All new poles have been set, framed and the messenger has been run in. We will be running new three phase Hendrix wire to the new development at the cost of the developer. There is roughly 2000 feet to be installed.

Banner Discussion: Insurance would cover employee injury, damage, and injury from a falling banner. Matt spoke to Chief Dumas and a detail would be required each time a banner went up and came down a [4 hour minimum]. For the RMLP to install the needed infrastructure would be \$723.44 and then ½ hour of RMLP crew time each time a banner went up and down. There are no good spots on the east side of Haverhill Street near the Institution for Savings so it would have to go on the Little League side. Fire Chief James Broderick has suggested the use of a message board. He said all messages need to go through the selectman's office for approval. To purchase one, he thought it was around \$15 thousand but that was a few years back but the chief will get the vendor information to Matt so he can investigate it.

MEAM 9/16/20 Summary: Please see the agenda attached. There were two items of discussion from the meeting. The first was the Navaho Indian project municipals were thinking of going last year. It has been determined that the insurance would not cover anyone on their own time in the event someone was to get hurt. This was a sticking point on managers willing to go down and work.

Battery Storage Projects Findings [RNL, Behind The Meter Generation]: There was some discussion in the past to maybe put batteries at the substation on the load side to help shave the peak in the summer months. Right now, the batteries are not made to charge and discharge repeatedly. There is considerable regulatory risk for investment in BTMG that is targeted at shaving RNL peaks. Until a definition for BTMG and its relationship to requirement or not to be reconstituted for RNL is completed and accepted at FERC that risk will exist. The stakeholder process to define BTMG and its relationship to RNL will take a few months, at least, and then filed with FERC. The FERC process would take at least 2 months. At a minimum, the region is at least 5 to 6 months away from having a definition of BTMG and its relationship to RNL. The end definition may or may not support BTMG for use in shaving RNL. ENE continues to monitor the situation for the RMLP.

All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

There was nothing added in by the chair

Adjournment

Mark Cousins made the motion to adjourn. Danby Whitmore seconded. All voted in favor at 7:55 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Mark Cousins, Chair



Danby Whitmore, Clerk



Bryan DiPersia, Member