

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



December 16, 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

[Kevin Snow via GoTo Meeting]

Mark Cousins opened the meeting at 6:03 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, November 18, 2020, and discussion to attach the email from Danby Whitmore into the minutes, a motion was made.

Danby Whitmore made the motion to accept the regular minutes for November 18, 2020 with the attachment of her email. [See attached] Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I", Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I". Voted in at 6:12.

Residential Conservation Services & Energy Efficiency Programs – Discuss current/future incentives, revenue stream & promotions

Bryan DiPersia was hoping we would get a report from ENE like the one we received last year summarizing what the department gave back in rebates over the past year. His thought going forward, we could have a discussion on what we have in place for rebates, where we can go and what we can do to make it better. Maybe we could alter or adjust the program and look at the revenue side of things as there is a conservation charge from the residential ratepayers and to do some promotions to get the word out about these incentives. Over the last year there have been a handful of rebates going back to ratepayers, but this would be a good time to see what is being utilized and what is not in the program. Mark Cousins asked if the path Bryan was looking for was handheld garden tools and Bryan stated yes, it would help to reduce emissions. Cousins said that Kristen Dupre is right on top of these things at ENE and she knows what is in being utilized across the different municipalities. Cousins also stated he was cautious about doing a KW rate to conservation charge we would have to a long and thought-out discussion on this method. It would also depend on if there was a residential and commercial incentive to get both sides on board. DiPersia asked how ENE made what we had to offer the ratepayers. ENE offers different items, and it is up to us to choose what we want to offer. It was mentioned maybe we could get a report on what works well and what is just stagnant and not being used for rebates. Shortly we should be receiving a report from ENE on this.

Managers Update:

MLP Solar Update: 28 total with one not matching DOER rebate program standards. \$24,066.00 has been awarded, and \$25,934.00 remaining. Recently a system was interconnected on Wethersfield street, and 2 new systems are in the que. Another on Wethersfield and one on Kittery Ave. This would leave the remaining funds around \$8000 or one system from the original pledge of \$50,000. **UPDATE:** The DOER has approved an extension until June 2021 and RMLP has pledged another \$30,000. The only change for us is that there is a flat fee of \$250 for every application submitted after 12/31/2020.

Falcon Ridge [Intersection – Line Upgrade]: The last of the 3 phase overhead project is complete with the last of the transfers completed. The project and cut over went very well.

End of Year Inventory: We are scheduled to do these the last two weeks of December like we normally do. Things are anticipated to be on schedule.

MEAM Meeting: The meeting scheduled for January 20th is going to be a closed forum, but there is a chance they will open it up to the public.

Annual RMLP Write-Offs

The annual write off is going to be \$3,776.25 and will be taken place by the end of the close out of December. This is a standard practice within the department. [See attached]

2020 Year in Review:

Manager Brown discussed some of the items for the year in review. [See attached] He hit some of the high notes of the year and thanked the employees and board members for a successful year.

All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

There was a request by Danby Whitmore that we extend the lights on the common until the sixth of January. Everyone agreed to have the lights on until the sixth.

Adjournment

Danby Whitmore made the motion to adjourn. Bryan DiPersia seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 6:50 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