

# Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



May 12, 2021, 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.

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Mark Cousins opened the meeting at 6:00 PM

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## **Citizen Query**

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

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## **Review and Accept Previous Minutes**

After reading the minutes from the previous meeting sessions, March 10, 2021, and April 14, 2021, provided, the corrections made by the board were previously edited prior to the meeting.

*Bryan DiPersia made the motion to accept the regular minutes for March 10, 2021, and April 14, 2021, with the corrections made. Danby Whitmore seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I", Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I". Voted in at 6:05.*

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## **Energy New England Power Supply Presentation**

Tim Hebert from Energy New England gave a short Power Point presentation detailing RMLP's power supply. The presentation is attached with the minutes for the record.

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## **Board Reorganization**

The board decided to do a reorganization to change the chairman, clerk, and member.

*Mark Cousins made a motion to make the following board reorganization: Danby Whitmore Chair, Bryan DiPersia Clerk, and Mark Cousins Member. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan DiPersia, "I", Danby Whitmore, "I" and Mark Cousins "I". Voted in at 7:18.*

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## **Managers Update**

**MLP Solar Programs Update:** Total pledged of \$80K is still good through June 2021. \$34,326.00 has been awarded, and \$45,654.00 is still available which comes out to roughly 7 systems. [Wethersfield Street recently closed out but has not hit tracking sheet for numbers update yet. \$4800.00 from RMLP] so enough for 6 systems.

**Daniels Road:** Legal confirmed there is no mechanism to re-route any money made from surplus property [if town sold it] back to the ratepayers. The same would apply to 47 Summer Street if we were to re-locate. The ratepayers paid to construct and maintain the property all these years, but then the town takes it over once we deem it surplus. What can be done is to pause the PILOT payment for a certain number of years, so the ratepayers do not take as much of a hit.

**Staffing Discussion:** Danby had a question whether it would better to get a part time person because of all the overtime. Matt discussed we have been having a difficult time coordinating outages due to everyone working from home and school. These scheduled outages were for infrastructure upgrades to the system. Other overtime in April was because of car accidents and small wind events. Manager Brown said there will be more overtime for the Falcon Ridge Project but that will be paid for by the developer.

**Highway Stormwater Project:** The surveying for this project should be starting this week. Conservation Agent Brent Baeslack and Nick Cristofori from the environmental firm are leading the charge on this project.

**MEAM:** The annual MEAM meeting will be held in Plymouth, MA on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. This is open to Commissioners if anyone would like to attend.

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***All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair***

There was nothing added in by the chair.

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***"Executive Session" if Required***

Executive session was not required for this meeting.

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***Adjournment***

*Bryan DiPersia made the motion to adjourn. Mark Cousins seconded. All voted in favor at 7:37 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying "I".*

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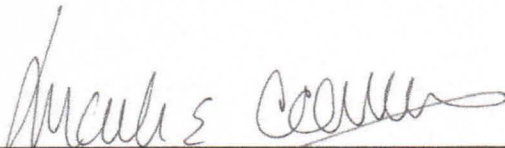
Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Danby Whitmore, Chair



Bryan DiPersia, Clerk



Mark Cousins, Member