

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



June 9, 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.

Danby Whitmore opened the meeting at 6:00 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 session, May 12, 2021, provided, the corrections made by the board were previously edited prior to the meeting.

Mark Cousins made the motion to accept the regular minutes for May 12, 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 6:03.

MEAM Meeting Summary 5/20 – 5/21

Manager Brown attended the annual MEAM Meeting. He found it very interesting with the speakers present and what was going on in the state regarding the DOER and solar. He shared some of the highlights from the speakers and said it was definitely worth attending.

Discussion June 19 State Holiday

Manager Brown said Governor Charlie Baker issued a proclamation declaring June 19, 2021 as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Celebrated each year on June 19th, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and is an opportunity to reflect on the need to continue working toward racial justice. Brown said he was planning to adopt the day as a holiday but wanted to make the board aware. The board was agreed with adopting the holiday.

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. [A Wethersfield Street installation recently closed out but has not hit tracking sheet for numbers update yet. \$4800.00 from RMLP] so enough for 6 systems. This

program has already been extended and there hasn't been an official word that it will happen again. Brown is proposing that RMLP continues to encourage residents to put in a 0-10 KW system. He stated we could continue the RMLP match of .60 cents per KW keeping our same \$6K max per system subsidy. The only change will be the State of Massachusetts in not sponsoring any other funds. We will run the rest of 2021 with the remaining \$45,654.00 and revisit the continuation for the year 2022 during the budget process.

Daniels Road: Per the board's direction the barn and house at 24 Daniels Road has had the front railing removed, doors secured, and plywood installed over the two openings on the back of the garage. Work was performed by NPB Improvements of Rowley.

Cyber Attacks: Northern Data Systems is our hosted server for all billing and customer information. Brown has spoken with Dan Dickerson, NDS account representative about their security and cyber-attack prevention. They run biannual testing where they hire a outside firm to come in their facility and basically try and "hack" into the system. These tests used to be done annually, but because the "hacks" have been historically unsuccessful, they are now done every other year. Commissioner Whitmore had asked about an attack on the grid. RMLP doesn't have SCADA so computer controls don't run our system. National Grid does supply the two 23 KV lines and cybersecurity for their control center in Northboro, MA. NERCIP, North American Electric Reliability Corporation Critical Infrastructure Protection, plan is a set of requirements designed to secure the assets required for operating North America's bulk electric system.

Construction: Continued work at Falcon Ridge [paid by the developer] and Nags Head Rd. upgrade/pole line is almost completed. The infrared audit was completed, and the Railroad Ave. transfers have been completed. The flagpole was painted on the common for the town and Bob Breaker, the Veterans Coordinator for Rowley was very pleased and thanked the department.

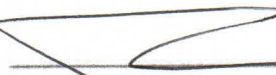
All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

Manager Brown brought up there were some ongoing issues with Chickadee Farms and a neighbor over on Central Street. Some public records requests have come into the department and have been handled accordingly. There is nothing we can do at this point but complete what we are asked.

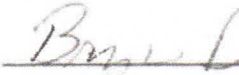
Executive Session under GLC 30A, Section 21 a Strategy for Negotiations with Non-Union Personal

*There was a motion to adjourn to Executive Session and not return to regular session and seconded.
All voted in favor at 6:53 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.*

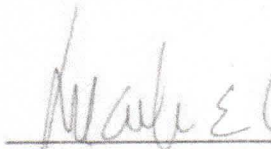
Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Danby Whitmore, Chair



Bryan DiPersia, Clerk



Mark Cousins, Member