

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant

July 21, 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, June 9, 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 June 9, 2021, 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 6:04.

Neppa Conference 8/22 - 8/25

Manager Brown welcomed the board to go to the Annual Neppa Conference being held at the Westin Portland Harborview Portland, Maine this year. There is quite a few activities and events scheduled to be done. If anyone was interested, the itinerary is listed on the Neppa.org website and please let Matt know if you would like to attend. Brown asked the board if he could attend, and they agreed that he should attend.

MEAM Meeting 9/8

Manager Brown said the next MEAM meeting is scheduled for September 8th. An agenda hasn't been finalized yet, but it should be in person down in Littleton. Matt stated when the agenda comes out, he will pass it along to the board.

Meeting Schedule – No August Meeting

Manager Brown asked the board if they thought an August meeting was warranted. After some discussion and consistent with prior years, it was decided to not to hold an August meeting and pick back up on September 8th.

Office Staff Requirements

Manager Brown said the position of Billing Clerk has been advertised on the Neppa, Town of Rowley, and the RMLP websites and is also posted on the town hall bulletin board and will remain up until August 11th.

Managers Update

MLP Solar Update Continuation Plan: RMLP still needs to make an announcement for the scope of work from Energy New England. There is a 60c per kWh with a max of \$6000 with the department contributing. There haven't been any new installations in the queue as of now as we currently have 30 arrays.

DPU Report Review: Katie Tilton our outside accountant has finished the annual 2020 DPU report. Brown sent it to the board to look over and it is now complete and ready to sign. The group talked about the unaccounted kWh losses and compared them to other towns in Massachusetts. Brown gave a few reasons why that could happen, and the board was understanding of his answers. The only request from the board was a clean copy on a PDF that can be emailed to the board for their files. Eric was instructed to circulate the signature page with the minutes so we can get the document filed with the state.

Mark Cousins made the motion to accept the Annual 2020 RMLP DPU Report as emailed. Danby Whitmore seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I", Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I". Voted in at 6:56.

Construction Highlights: Falcon Ridge is still ongoing; we are setting poles on Summer Street as part of the conversion. The truck inspection company was in and did their regular maintenance to get the trucks inspection stickers. We are still having a supply chain delay related to Covid 19. Transformers now are 40 weeks out instead of the usual 10 weeks that we are accustomed to. We have survived the heat wave of June 2021 with only one call on Dodge Road for low voltage. There are also talks about a Level 2 battery charger behind the town hall/library. There was some talk amongst the board on a level 2 vs. level 3 but there is a meeting on July 26th at 7:00 PM at the selectman's meeting to discuss and see what the town wanted to do.

All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

There was nothing to fill this item by the chair

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

Mark Cousins made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of GLC 30A, Section 21 a Strategy for Negotiations with Non-Union Personal and that the Chair so declare and to return to open session. Bryan DiPersia second all in favor with a roll call vote. Mark Cousins, "I", Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I". Voted in at 6:58 PM.

Mark Cousins made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Bryan DiPersia second all in favor with a roll call vote. Mark Cousins, "I", Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I". Voted in at 7:08 PM.

Adjournment

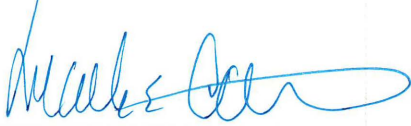
Mark Cousins made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Bryan DiPersia second all in favor with a roll call vote. Mark Cousins, "I", Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I". Voted in at 7:10 PM.



Danby Whitmore, Chair



Bryan DiPersia, Clerk



Mark Cousins, Member