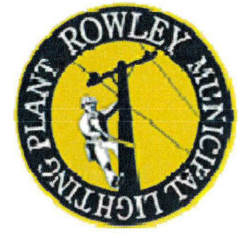


# Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



**December 15, 2021, Commissioner's Meeting**

**5:00 PM – Remote Go To 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 5:12 PM. Danby Whitmore was having computer issues.

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## ***Citizen Query***

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

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## ***Managers Update***

**MLP Solar Programs Update:** There is nothing new to report. There are still two in the queue for construction. The RMLP continued program will mirror the expired DOER program with only RMLP contributing .60 cents per kw for a maximum contribution of \$6,000.

**Charging Station:** There was some small stuff that needed to be added to the grant such as our address and tax ID number. Nothing that would hold up the grant in any way. There were a few items on the grant that would not be accepted such as the bollards to protect the charging station and the engineering costs. These costs are around \$280.00 so there is not a big cost to cover.

**Construction:** There is not much new line construction currently, other than a few new service hook-ups at Falcon Ridge. The flags were put up and taken down for Veterans Day. The crews have been busy putting up Christmas lights on the Common getting ready for the Girl Scouts on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. The Nags Head Road URD project is about 90% complete. We have obtained an easement, energized the new URD, set new poles, and trimmed out the road. The last step will be to install 600 ft of insulated primary wire (tree wire). The Bradford Street/Summer Street conversion is still ongoing. The next step involves outages to Burke Ave, and our own building to cut over to the 15kv. After that it is a URD riser at Essex Management group. These are weather dependent, and we will strive to accomplish if we get a warmup in the weather. 12 Main Street condominiums should be connected in the next few weeks as that project is moving along. There are still supply chain issues, but we have been able to keep everything moving.

**Reconstitution 2022:** It is with hopes that this will be resolved in February of 2022. This has been delayed twice due to Covid 19. Zico Shaker from Kruger Energy Montreal is planning on a meeting with Ipswich. He is also planning on meeting with Manager Brown.

**End Of the Year Inventory:** The crew is ready to go with the year-end inventory. Over the next few weeks, they will start as part of year end and the audit.

Manager Brown ended his update with a Happy Holiday to the Board, and their families.

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## ***Review and Accept Minutes***

After reading the minutes from the previous meeting, November 10, 2021, and vote was taken.

*Mark Cousins made the motion to accept the regular minutes for November 10, 2021. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I," Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore was absent. Voted in at 5:27.*

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### ***Liens 2021***

Once again, we sent down our annual list of liens to the Assessor's Office to be added to the ratepayer's tax bills. In 2020, we sent out 75. In 2021, we sent out 29 letters with 5 on the final tax bills. The amount of the liens was \$2,553.67 which was not bad from prior years. This was due to the diligent work by the front office which really paid off.

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### ***Write Offs 2021***

Manager Brown explained to the Board that we wanted to do a large write off customers in collections that have become stale, but time was not on our side. This has not been done in quite a few years and it was decided to make it happen. Moving forward we are going to make sure this is a priority at year end.

*Mark Cousins made the motion to except the write off list of customers in collection that have become stale for \$107,947.82 and our annual list of customers under \$50.00 along with old bankruptcy's equaling \$12,785.88. Danby Whitmore seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I," Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore was absent. Voted in at 5:43.*

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### ***Climate Change/Resiliency 5 Year & 10 Year Goals Discussion***

The Board collectively produced some great ideas on goals in which RMLP should complete in the future. There was a long discussion getting the level 2 charging station at the Town Hall/Library. Discussions went on about clean energy credits, the net metering policy of the RMLP, AMI metering, to battery storage and heat pumps. There can be a lot of options here in Rowley from weatherization to clean energy programs. Mark Cousins thought we could see what Energy New England could do for us and see if they could get the message out to the ratepayers. The future of our goals will be discussed in next months meeting as everyone will produce a list of what they find important.

As far as the department goes, it would be nice to reduce the use of water bottles and do some sort of battery storage at the substation. Talk about a new building was mentioned as the trucks are only getting larger and the garage, we have currently, is tight. There was also talk regarding the Daniels Road property.

Danby Whitmore brought up the idea of tidal energy and even a rumor that the Town of Hull was going into that direction. All these ideas are great and future discussion will be made.

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### ***FERC Order 2222***

ENE summary: ENE, and all Public Power, fully supported the ISO tariff revisions to implement Order 2222 and its intended benefits to consumers and the environment. What ENE, Public Power, Transmission Owner, Generation Owners, and parts of other NEPOOL sectors, did not support was 7 amendments from a coalition of Advanced Energy Economics (AEE) association members.

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

There was no reason to go into executive session for this meeting.

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***Adjournment***

*Mark Cousins made the motion to adjourn. Danby Whitmore seconded. All voted in favor at 7:29 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.*

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Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover

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Danby Whitmore, Chair

  
Bryan DiPersia, Clerk

  
Mark Cousins, Member