# **Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant**

# June 8, 2022 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 6:02 PM

#### Citizen Query

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

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

There were no previous meetings to accept.

#### **Board Reorganization**

Every year, the board reorganizes after elections,

Danby Whitmore nominated Bryan DiPersia as the chair. Mark Cousins seconded the motion at 6:04 PM. All in favor "I" except for Bryan DiPersia abstaining.

Danby Whitmore nominated Mark Cousins as the clerk. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion at 6:05 PM. All in favor "I" except for Mark Cousins abstaining.

Danby Whitmore defaulted to member.

#### **GASB Valuation 2021**

Manager Matt Brown said the report was lengthy and very in-depth. Although there is no requirement that OPEB benefits be funded prior to when they are payable, RMLP is currently fully funded. Mark Cousins stated that the funds are invested and fluctuate with market conditions.

#### S+P Rating

The S+P Rating is required by counterparties in order to enter into PPA's. Manager Brown stated that RMLP has maintained its A+ rating according to the report.

#### **Managers Update**

MEAM Meeting Summary: The MEAM meeting was very well received and with a lot of good topics. There was time of use rates [Groton 4-40 now 6-60] did a follow up from last year. Groton's demand response (4-40/6-60) still has issues to be resolved and re-worked due to changes in power supply costs. There was a bill finance presentation from Jon Blair of Ipswich that was very nicely done. The concerns to a lot of folks at the meeting was that MLPs are not banks and should be very careful. There was a discussion on air source heat pumps and as always, a Legislative update. Another topic was from Steve Doucette with broken neutral claims and abnormal voltages. Attorney Doucette stated it was important that the terms and conditions of service for each MLP has the proper language for such claims. We have had Duncan and Allen look at our terms along with another town and we split the cost.

**2021 Audit:** The audit was performed, and we are waiting for the final report.

<u>MLP Solar Continuation Update</u>: One of the two residential solar arrays was recently interconnected on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Manager Brown followed up with the homeowner on Saunders Lane and they are awaiting information from Telsa regarding supply chain delay issues.

Town Hall/Library EV Charger/Rate Structure Discussion: All poles set, anchors, guys, transformer etc. are complete. This is all the overhead portion so now Verizon will transfer their equipment and RMLP pulled the old poles. Now we need to get the pad, pedestal, and secondary riser. The thing we need to discuss is the rate structure for the charging station. There was lengthy discussion on pros and cons of various rate uses and comparisons to other towns. Manager Brown stated we can look at all the data a year into the charging unit's operation & gather revenue and charge time information. He also stated there is a maintenance agreement cost. Commissioner Cousins stated "we need to make sure we charge enough to pay for infrastructure needs in the future" Manager Brown and the Board reached a general agreement of .18-.21 cents including ideas such as parking fees and peak charging times from 4-8 PM. This would be achieved by using a factor of either the current Rate A or B. Commissioner Cousins stated that Wakefield charges .25 as of 6/1/22.

<u>Summer Street Conversion Update:</u> The last customer was cut over onto the new 15KV wire, and the three 333 Kva step-downs have been de-energized. We need to take out the old wire, remove the step downs and put up an air break switch. Then Comcast and Verizon can come in and transfer their equipment so we can pull the old poles.

## All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

There was nothing added in by the Chair.

### Executive Session under GLC 30A, Section 21 a Strategy for Negations 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 in favor at 6:53 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover

Bryan DiPersia, Chair

Mark Cousins, Clerk

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Danby Whitmore, Member