

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



July 12, 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 [Absent]

See attendance sheet for the public sign-in.

Bryan DiPersia opened the meeting at 6:14 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 18, 2022, 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 May 18, 2022, 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 6:20.

RMLP Commissioners Meeting Schedule

There was discussion regarding not having an August meeting. Manager Brown is attending the NEPPA Annual Conference August 14-17. Mark Cousins said this made sense and was all for it. There wasn't a vote needed for this and as always, if something comes up Manager Matt Brown would reach out to the board for an emergency meeting. There was also discussion on how the meetings will be place, online or in person. The board thought lets see where that was going when the time comes closer.

EV 2 Update / Rate Structure Discussion

Manager Matt Brown introduced Mark Scribner from Energy New England to discuss the EV update. On our side, the pad needs to be poured and the electrician needs to finish up the meter pedestal and things should be ready to go.

MEAM 2023 Schedule

They are working on the 2023 meetings and a schedule will be published when complete.

Battery Storage Discussion

RMLP has had multiple calls from Battery Storage Developers. Kruger/ Zico Shaker has been in discussion and sent over a proposal that the Board has reviewed. Manager Brown is scheduled to meet with Bill Bullock from MMWEC regarding the RFQ that had been advertised. Commissioner Whitmore had some questions on the shared savings idea and how it works. Manager Brown explained his idea was to provide the area/site in return for a portion of the realized savings. He further explained RMLP is a very small municipal and he felt the best option was not to own or operate. Commissioner Cousins further explained the methodology of Battery ownership vs shared savings and using the asset for Peak Shaving. He seemed to agree with Managers Brown's thought process. He emphasized the main point was what the monthly payment would be to RMLP and the benefit to our Ratepayers.

Managers Update

MLP Solar Continuation Update: One of the two recent one was interconnected on May 9th. Matt followed up with the homeowner on Saunders Lane and they are awaiting information from Tesla regarding supply chain delay issues.

Summer Street Conversion Update: The last customer was cut over onto the new 15KV wire, and the three phase 333 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.

New Bucket Truck Update: The new bucket truck is still in the works. We are checking in with Kiley's Truck to see the progress.

Facilities Upgrade 47 Summer Street: Commissioner DiPersia asked about the facilities upgrade and flooring? Manager Brown stated that there is one woman's half bath and that we had to replace the toilet original to the building. While this was being done it made sense to also replace the flooring. It is approximately 5x5, and a floating floor was installed as well.

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 Negotiations with Non-Union Personal

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

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to adjourn. Mark Cousins seconded. All voted in favor at 7:25 with a roll call vote with everyone yes.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Bryan DiPersia, Chair



Mark Cousins, Clerk

Danby Whitmore, Member