

# Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



September 21, 2022, Commissioner's Meeting

## 6:00 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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Bryan DiPersia opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. He said the language has changed in the opening remarks. If Matt could investigate and make the proper corrections.

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### *Citizen Query*

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

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### *Review and Accept Previous Minutes*

The board decided to hold off voting on these minutes because of some corrections that weren't reflected.

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### *RMLP Commissioners Meeting Schedule 10/19/22, 11/22/22, 12/14/22*

It was discussed to change a couple of the dates for the commissioner's meetings. Nobody on the board had an issue with the new dates.

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### *NEPPA Annual Conference August 14-17<sup>th</sup> 2022 Summary*

Manager Matt Brown said the conference was very informative this year. It was great to go and network with others in the field, the topics were great, and there were many speakers with a host of events. Elizabeth Whitney's legislative update was very informational and discussed the recently passed inflation act. Mike Hyland, the new Executive Director of NEPPA, gave a nice presentation on the electrification of the transportation industry and the impact on utilities.

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### *EV 2 Update / Rate Structure Discussion*

There was discussion on the rate for the new EV charger located at the town hall. After talking about the rates, it was decided to go with the following:

- Regular hours, the cost would be .18 cents. (Rate A)
- Peak hours, between 4 and 8 PM, the charge would double to .37 cents.

Right now, there has been one vehicle spotted to be using the charging station.

Mark Cousins made the vote to approve the EV2 rate as rate A with the peak time of 4 to 8 PM, doubling the rate. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and accepted at 6:24 PM.

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### ***Battery Storage Discussion***

The project is still moving forward as there was a site visit to see how compatible our property would be at the substation. They were impressed with their findings and will hopefully have something by November. The equipment used in this project would be on a lease and we wouldn't have to maintain anything. There will be tax benefits in the form of credits with this project. We are just waiting on proposals from MMWEC RFQ. Agilitas, Convertant and Delorean were the top three selected for the project.

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### ***Managers Update***

**New Bucket Truck Update:** The chassis is 10/19 build date, and the body should be by the end of October. The boom has been at Kiley Truck in Somerville for some time. Bottom line is the best guess would be February 2023 as of today.

**2021 DPU Report, 2021 Audit:** The 2021 DPU report has been signed by the board and submitted electronically and mailed. We are still waiting on audit results from Roselli and Clark.

**MLP Solar Continuation Update:** We are still waiting on the last customer who inquired about solar. Other than that, everything remains the same.

**Side Note by The Manager:** Manager Brown stated that the cost of electricity is expected to be going up. Energy New England, who manages our portfolio, is watching this very closely with the rise of natural gas prices.

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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***

*Bryan DiPersia made the motion to adjourn. Mark Cousins seconded. All voted in favor at 6:45 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.*

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Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Bryan DiPersia, Chair



Mark Cousins, Clerk

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Danby Whitmore, Member