

# Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



**December 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. Resident Kevin Snow logged on and is very appreciative for the board and for their service.

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Bryan DiPersia opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

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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***

After reading the minutes from the previous meeting session, October 19, 2022, provided, the corrections made by the board were edited prior to the meeting.

*Mark Cousins made the motion to accept the regular minutes for October 19, 2022, with the corrections made. Danby Whitmore seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I", Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I". Voted in at 6:04.*

It was decided to hold off on accepting the November 22, 2022 meeting due to added corrections. These will be ready for the January meeting.

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## ***2022 Liens, Write-Offs***

Manager Brown wanted to let the board know that the final count for liens being applied to ratepayers was ten which was down from about thirty. The write off list contained residence and businesses that couldn't be collected through the collection agency or had been exhausted by the office. There was a total of \$10,978.02 slated to be written off. Mark Cousins asked what the percentage was for residential vs commercial, and it estimated to be a 75% residential and 25% commercial.

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### ***EV2/Town Hall Charging Station Update***

Manager Brown said the full grant amount of \$27,710.46 has been paid by the grantee. Brown stated there have been roughly twenty users of the charging station at the library/town hall building. He said the workers at the town hall keep a good watch on the frequency of use.

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### ***Battery Storage Continued Discussion Update***

There wasn't really anything to report from Delorean at this time regarding the battery storage project. Kevin Snow stated that Groveland is also looking into this project along side of Rowley. Groveland is looking at a three-meg project. Matt Brown will keep the board informed of any changes.

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### ***Managers Update***

**Apprentice Graduation:** Employee Jeff Valley has completed and graduated from the four year NEPPA Line School earlier in the month. He will finish out working on the last steps to be a first-class lineman. The board congratulated him and some of the staff went down to watch the graduation.

**MLP Solar Continuation Update:** There are four potential solar customers who have applied for service. Other than that, everything remains the same. There are 31 total systems now.

**Winter Prep:** The linecrew has been busy getting things ready for the winter season. There has been continued preparation from truck maintenance to tree removals. Matt feels the department is in good spot for what we have done this year for tree removals.

**Supply Chain Issues:** There really isn't a change in the supply chain issue except we are telling developers to get moving on having us order material as the lead time is over 80 weeks out for transformers. We are in good shape, and we have borrowed from Groveland and just returned some stock to another town.

**Power Supply/Financials:** We continue to track and watch the budget closely. We increased the PPA in October by one cent and then again in December PPA increased by three quarters of a cent. We are in good shape for year end, but we just have to be vigilant on how things are going with power supply costs.

**Fleet Vehicles:** We are in the same place as were last month. We are still waiting for the body of the truck to arrive from South Dakota. Once we get that delivered, we hope to get a completion date. The new general manager's vehicle came in today and will be put into service once the registration is transferred over.

**2023 Budget:** The 2023 budget should be done for the January meeting.

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### ***All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair***

Manager Matt Brown just wanted to end the meeting by saying there has been a lot of talk on rolling blackouts and how it effecting the system. Sometimes there are factors that are beyond us such as the 2018 2-day outage we had or how we can't forecast what is going to happen with National Grid and the substation lines to feed the substation. They do their best to keep the reliability solid, but there aren't any guarantees.

Manager Brown wanted to wish the board a very Happy Holiday and hopes everyone has a great holiday.

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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**

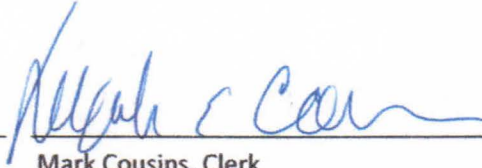
*Danby Whitmore made the motion to adjourn. Mark Cousins seconded. All voted in favor at 6:30 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.*

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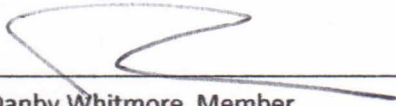
Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Bryan DiPersia, Chair



Mark Cousins, Clerk



Danby Whitmore, Member