



Town of Rowe
Municipal Light Board Minutes
Thursday, July 23, 2020 –5:00 p.m.
VIA TELECONFERENCE

This meeting will be held via video conference, consistent with Gov. Baker's temporary modifications to Open Meeting Law due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board of Selectmen: Chair Charles Sokol, Selectman Ed Silva, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie
Administrative Staff: Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary, Paul McLatchy III, Administrative Assistant to the Boards, MLP Manager David Dvore

Audience: Rosemary Gordon

Call to Order: Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., a quorum of the board present.

MOTION: Roll call vote to call to order:

Chair Sokol: yes

Selectman Silva yes

Vice-Chair Semanie yes

New Business:

1. **FY21 Appointments:** Chair Sokol explained that due to Mass Ethics Laws that he had to recuse himself from the appointment discussion as he was the Deputy Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Manager.

MOTION TO APPOINT: Vice-Chair Semanie made a motion to appoint David Dvore as Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Manager. The motion was seconded by Selectman Silva.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Sokol- Abstain Selectman Silva- yes Vice-Chair Semanie- yes (vote: 2-0-1)

MOTION TO APPOINT: Vice-Chair Semanie made a motion to appoint Chuck Sokol as Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Deputy Manager. The motion was seconded by Selectman Silva.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Sokol- Abstain Selectman Silva- yes Vice-Chair Semanie- yes (vote: 2-0-1)

MOTION TO APPOINT: Chair Sokol made a motion to appoint Russ Jolly as Wired West Alternate Delegate for Rowe. The motion was seconded by Selectman Silva.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Sokol- yes Selectman Silva- yes Vice-Chair Semanie- yes (vote: 3-0-0)

MOTION TO APPOINT: Chair Sokol made a motion to appoint David Dvore as Wired West Delegate for Rowe. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Sokol- yes Selectman Silva- yes Vice-Chair Semainie- yes (vote: 3-0-0)

2. Presentation of FY20 Financial Report: MLP Manager Dvore presented the FY 20 Budget for review outlined as the best understanding of how things will be. It was noted that in the first year of operation there was a profit or net income of roughly \$25,000.00. Manager Dvore said that expenses would drop due to more towns joining Wired West which lowers overhead expenses. He thought the first year ended in good shape.
3. Vote on Proposed FY21 Budget for the MLP: Manager Dvore explained that any changes to the budget would need to come before the board. There was discussion about the operation of the Municipal Light Plant (MLP) accounting process. The depreciation account was explained to act as a stabilization account for any unforeseen expenses to come. A list of Fixed Assets/Infrastructure and Depreciation Schedule was reviewed.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Chair Sokol made a motion to accept the FY21 Budget as presented by Municipal Light Plant Manager Dvore. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Sokol- yes Selectman Silva- yes Vice-Chair Semainie- yes (vote: 3-0-0)

4. Update on the Hut Construction and Site Work: Manager Dvore explained that the paving for the hut was scheduled and would commence soon. He said it was difficult to find people to work on the hut to add siding and a roof and was awaiting quotations. There would be an expense of some remote monitors to monitor and make certain all the equipment in the hut was operating as it should.
5. Update on Operations: Manager Dvore explained that there was one more item he was working on to secure an alternative should the line go down for a period in Rowe. To avoid outage, he was working on creating a secondary backhaul as an alternate fiber route and is working on finding out how much it would cost. It is a long-range plan to create a redundancy route. He said he supplied the police, fire and town hall with emergency contact information in the event of a line down.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Selectman Semanie.

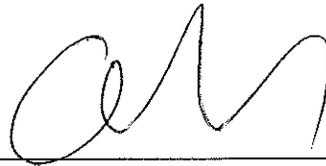
Roll Call Vote: Chair Sokol- yes Selectman Silva- yes Vice-Chair Semanie- yes (Vote: 3-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date: _____

Approved:



Chuck Sokol, Chair



Ed Silva, Selectman



Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

Documents:

1. Agenda 7-23-2020
2. Rowe MLP FY21 Budget
3. Rowe MLP Fixed Assets
4. Rowe MLP FY21 Accounts
5. Cash P & L FY20
6. Per Town Stand Alone v50