

Middleton Electric Light Commission

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2024

The following individuals were in attendance:

Chuck Clinch, Acting Chairman
Jim Kelley
Jim Carbone

Michael Cloutier, Manager

Acting Chairman Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:15PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion:

Jim Kelley motioned to approve the agenda as written. Jim Carbone seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion:

Jim Kelley motioned to approve the minutes of November 20, 2024, as written. Jim Carbone seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Financials:

Numbers are off a little this month, as we incurred the cost of our mutual aid missions, but payment has not been posted as of yet for Account 415, Merchandising and Jobbing. We have already been paid for the two Georgia jobs but are still waiting to be paid for the Orlando job. We also had a negative interest income for the month. Still, if we back out the merchandising and jobbing and the negative interest, we show a net positive income.

The power supply is tracking similar to 2023. Our sales for October 2023 were very close to October 2024. We are still trending about 3 million KWH higher than last year, basically because of the summer months. Our costs are also the same as 2023 at \$0.098. November and December will get a little more expensive due to the cold and the increase in use of lights.

Manager's Report:

There have been three outages since the last meeting. One was a load side tap hitting the B phase cutout on Birch Road. The second was a phase burnt out at a vise stop on Essex Street. It completely melted through. The outage did not last very long. The third was a phase overload on Route 114. It was also a very short outage.

The architect has designed another drawing for a separate storage unit. The soil was not ideal, but they confirmed where the margins were. We found out we had more area than we thought we originally did to put a building out there. This will allow us to build about a 45' x 70' structure. This will also allow three garage doors. They are working on the final plan now.

We put the ad out for the generator, but did not get any response. So we are going to go forward with Sourcewell.

NEPPA Rodeo results have changed. The 3-Phase Dead End Insulator Replacement event was thrown out because of scoring inconsistencies. This resulted in the Middleton team placing second overall.

GML is not yet doing glove testing as they are waiting for the glove inflator. Truck repair for MELD is going very well, we no longer have to drive the trucks long distances for repair. Jonathan is very busy and eventually will be getting a mobile truck for mobile repairs. GML is also expanding the customer base. They are going to be doing assessment work in Vermont. They will also be doing work in Groton, MA, Hudson, MA and Princeton, MA. There is also a mechanic in Littleton.

Signatures are needed from the Commissioners for the LPL. There are four forms for the OPEB Trust Fund. Jim Carbone will be to be added to the forms. Mr. Cloutier will have the absent Commissioners stop by to sign the forms.

Next meeting: January 22, 2025

Jim Kelley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:01PM. Jim Carbone seconded.
Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James Carbone
Clerk