

Middleton Electric Light Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2025

The following individuals were in attendance:

Tim Houten, Chairman  
Frank Twiss  
Jim Kelley  
Kenny Rollins  
Michael Cloutier, Manager

Chairman Twiss called the meeting to order at 5:05PM

***Approval of Agenda:***

**Motion:**

Jim Kelley motioned to approve the agenda as revised, moving item 5 before item 4. Ken Rollins seconded the motion. Motioned carried 3-0.

***Approval of Minutes:***

**Motion:**

Ken Rollins motioned to approve the minutes of May 21, 2025, as written. Frank Twiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

***Board Reorganization:***

Ken Rollins motioned to make Tim Houten the Chairman.

Jim Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken Rollins motioned to retain Jim Carbone as the Clerk.

Jim Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

***Stonybrook:***

Mr. Cloutier is recommending selling our interest in the Stonybrook Intermediate Plant. The plant is old and needs work. We do not receive much power from it anymore. As mentioned in the previous meeting, we could get hit with a pay for performance penalties. It currently takes a long time to start up and subsequently it will run at a loss if it self-dispatches. The plant does not represent the value of the original intended purpose. We are keeping the peaking unit. Mr. Cloutier sent a certified letter to Ron Decurzio notifying him of our intention and Mr. Cloutier got the acknowledgement back. Mr. Cloutier asked that the Commissioners take a vote to pass the resolution. The process should take less than a year.

***Motion:***

**Frank Twiss made a motion to pass the resolution to sell the Stonybrook Intermediate Plant as discussed. Jim Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

***Financials:***

Power supply costs are still up on average from last year. It is just over a penny more, but we have purchased 1.3 million more kWh at this point from 2024. It is about a 4% increase that was mostly driven by the cold winter. We have purchased blocks of energy from BP, so we are fully hedged for the rest of the year. We are currently shopping for a heat rate contract with the help of ENE and GML.

Rivermill was not running for a while. Our PPA expired a year ago, and they installed a net meter for Liberty Utilities but we have a capacity load obligation (CLO). We are responsible for the capacity of that plant, meaning that it has to perform in the winter. It is in our name, but we cannot sign it over to Liberty Utilities because they are not in the market capacity wise. The net metering deal Rivermill and ENE had with Liberty has to be undone and then we are going to sign a PPA for three years. Our obligation runs from October to May as it does not run in summer because it is hydro. It counts towards our greenhouse gas emissions standard. We are going to buy Rivermill through GML. They have

made an offer for Rivermill and a 800-kw dam further up that are owned by the same owners.

This month we made \$151K, but we lost money in interest. So, through our operations, we made almost \$190K. YTD, we have made about \$222K. Our total income is about \$452K, but \$239K is from interest. We have a positive net income of just over \$200K.

***Manager's Report:***

As Mr. Cloutier mentioned before, the MELD building renovation project will be expensive. Tomorrow there will be a site visit for any contractors to come in and view the site. There was great interest in the project. Many contractors took out the plans online. We are going to set up a table out back with information and we still want the work to start in August. We will need to get a trailer with bathrooms as the current bathrooms will be completely renovated. The project cost is estimated to be around \$4 million. This includes renovating the linemen's room, replacing all three bathrooms, making a breakroom/kitchen, redoing the shower, removing the two offices and putting in a utility closet for the ice maker, putting a real mop sink for the janitor and adding two bays on the back of the building. As Mr. Cloutier has previously told the Board, the renovation is well overdue.

Next meeting: July 16, 2025

Jim Kelley motioned to adjourn at 5:53PM. Kenny Rollins seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James Carbone  
Clerk