

GML Utility Services Coop
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2025

The following individuals were in attendance:
Nick Lawler, Chair; Kevin Snow; Barry Tupper; Scott Edwards;
Pat Laverty

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

Kevin Snow motioned to approve the agenda. Nick Lawler seconded the motion. Motioned carried 2-0.

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Snow motioned to approve the minutes. Nick Lawler seconded the motion. Motioned carried 2-0.

Discussion: 2025 Budget

Scott provided the membership with a 2025 Budget. Budget projections for Tree Service and Vehicle Maintenance were developed using projections from 2024 revenues along with future anticipated projects.

Barry Tupper made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget. Kevin Snow seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Financials Update:

Scott, Pat and Kevin went to Salem 5 in Georgetown to get Pat placed as an authorized account user. This will allow Pat to secure checks that may be needed for any bid packages or any other business needs (sponsorships, outside membership dues, etc.).

CEO Update:

Scott made the membership aware that GML was the apparent low bidder on the Georgetown Tree Trimming bid. Pat mentioned that he would need to get some financial information to procure the security bond needed to have the bid award.

Pat notified the membership that GML would be bidding on the Concord, MA line clearance contract which is scheduled to be opened January 9th. Dave Burch has been assisting Pat with reviewing Concord's trimming needs and time estimations.

Pat discussed the status of glove testing. Currently we are waiting on the delivery of the glove inflator from Irby. The expected delivery is 1/6/25. Training on the testing machine will take place virtually with Von in mid to late January. Pat mentioned that he would like some other individuals to also be present for the training, including Jon Jones and John Lanciani. The goal is to have testing operational by the end of January. Additionally, GML is now a member of ASTM, is filling out the application for NAIL certification, and has membership with the Rubber Goods Testing Board.

Pat mentioned that he will be attending the Village of Ludlow, VT Electric Light Department's board meeting. Pat, Dave Lizotte, and John Lanciani have spent some time there addressing various needs. GML currently offers a number of services that may pair well with Ludlow's needs.

Keeping with the Vermont theme, Pat stated that he had also been in talks with the Village of Hyde Park Electric Department. Hyde Park is in need with assistance as they currently have a shortage of qualified line workers. Dave Lizotte has already provided assistance with one project where a senior line worker was needed to complete a scheduled job. Hyde Park may also be looking for a part-time Operations Manager which GML may be interested in filling.

Pat discussed that he is working to finalize Hudson's scope of work and anticipates working for them 1 day per week filling engineering/operational/planning needs as directed.

Scott mentioned that safety audits had recently been performed in Rowley, Groveland, Holden and Middleton. Additionally, Rowley has begun taking vehicle repair services. Rowley will also be utilizing GML to provide the interconnection study required for the build out of their battery storage project. Groton has also started taking vehicle repair services and has a vehicle in the queue for Jon.

Pat mentioned that he will be working on the APPA RP3 submissions for Holden and Rowley. Kevin mentioned that he would be interested in having GML provide that service for Groveland as they are unfamiliar with the process.

Other: Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair at the time of posting:

Nick informed Scott and Pat that the Town of Acton had reached out to him in search a contractor/organization to maintain Acton's municipal street lights. Nick will gather more information regarding the request and send it to Pat/Scott to see if this is something that GML can perform for the Town of Acton.

Barry informed the GML Board that the Holden Municipal Light Department voted through its Board of Commissioners to terminate its membership with MMWEC in accordance with the MMWEC bylaws. Holden will be looking for power supply services and would like to see their options through the GML/ENE power supply contract.

Kevin Snow made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 AM. Nick Lawler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Snow, Treasurer

