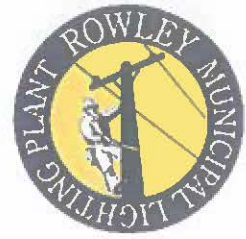


# Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



December 17, 2025, 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 and Office Manager Eric Grover.

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Bryan DiPersia opened the meeting at 6:04 PM.

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## ***Citizen Query***

There were no participants in this citizen's query.

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**\*Chairman DiPersia goes out of order to Agenda Item #4**

## ***GML Presentation on Ownership Opportunity***

Manager Matt Brown said on the agenda tonight is a PowerPoint presentation from GLM, a cooperative designed for municipal lighting plants for services smaller departments may need.

Both Scott Edwards and Pat Lavery explained their background and made introductions of themselves. Edwards is the CEO of the cooperative and was the former Light Department Manager to the Littleton Municipal Light Department. Lavery is the COO and was the former Engineering and Operations Manager for the Littleton Municipal Light Department.

From the presentation:

*"GML was originally founded in 2022 under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 164 Section 47C with the intent to assist its members broker better power supply deals.*

*The founding three members of GML consists of the Groveland Light Department, Middleton Electric Light Department and Littleton Electric light Department.*

*During the formation of GML, each of the founding light departments and their boards took part in several planning meetings to ensure the needs of community were met.*

*Under GML's operating agreement, the governance consists of a three-member board [one representative from each of the founding utilities] with a CEO who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the cooperative.*

*Since it's inception, GML has found many ways to offer services that were lacking in the municipal light department sector and has grown accordingly to assist many public power communities both small and large." PowerPoint slide #2.*

The board asked questions and both Edwards and Lavery answered related to benefits and how this would help the Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant. If RMLP were to join, there would be a 25% cheaper rate than what is charged to non-member members. The only thing not included in it is the rubber goods testing.

The board asked about the 5% equity shares commitment and what would happen if the cooperative was to dissolve. Commissioner Cousins asked if an equity member wanted to discontinue membership of the GML Co-op, and does the equity investment get paid back? [Office Manager Eric Grover referred to this question to Scott Edwards, and he said it in the GML Operating Agreement which Brown will have at the next board meeting in January.] Also asked was If we were to buy in when they would think there would be a payout. A payout would need to have more members, but GML wants to expand to make that happen. RMLP is currently using most of their services with very satisfactory results.

Both Scott Edwards and Pat Lavery thanked the board for their time and urged them if they have any questions, to reach out to Brown and he will forward them to us.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached with the minutes.

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**\*Chairman DiPersia goes out of order to Agenda Item #5**

***Battery Storage Update***

Manager Matt Brown provided an update for the battery storage project. Matt started by reading part of Steve Berns' email:

*"Thanks for reaching out. I appreciate your patience as we work through several industry-wide uncertainties affecting BESS projects. Below is an update on where things stand and outline the factors contributing to the current delays.*

*\*Break in Email\**

*We are expecting more definitive guidance in Q1 2026 that should help clarify project viability and compliance pathways. Until that information is available, we are limiting further development spending to avoid advancing work that may not be usable under the final rules."*

Scott Edwards from GML has been working with other municipals on the same battery project. Littleton Municipal Light has all their permitting, site survey and negotiated all three agreements that just need to be signed. Then the tariffs came into effect for different projects. This has put a hold on the limitation of tax credits, giving projects uncertainty. Citizen Energy has signed a letter with Littleton Municipal Light saying that they will hold the prices for the Q1 & Q2 for price shared savings for six months.

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***MEAM meeting 12-14-26***

Manager Matt Brown will provide the board with the agenda for the meeting. He said the agenda should still be emailed out to the commissioners and if they don't receive it, let him know.

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***Review and Accept Previous Minutes***

After reading the minutes from the previous meeting session, November 19, 2025, provided, the corrections made by the board were edited prior to the meeting.

*Mark Cousins made the motion to accept the regular minutes for November 19, 2025, with the corrections made. Danby Whitmore seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I," Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I." Voted in at 6:53.*

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### ***Managers Update***

**MLP Solar Update:** There are 38 total residential systems now. There have been two more new applications turned into to be processed.

**Construction Projects:** The following is a breakdown of the work done:

**Kittery Ave.** – All the poles have been set and framed for the second wire pull. New primary installed and since the November meeting with two more secondary wire pulls are complete. The next step is to liven up the new wire and start putting load on the primary cable.

**Substation Project:** General Manager Matthew Brown stated the substation project is going well. All the pieces are starting to fall into place and Commissioner Danby Whitmore asked if Brown could give a general summary of what has happened so far and in the coming weeks. Brown followed up by saying:

- The new pad has been completed, and the transformer is sitting on it.
- The pipe is from the controls to the substation control house.
- TSI is currently testing for Virginia Transformer and adding the components to the transformer itself. Results will be provided by Kevin Soden from on when it is ok to energize.
- Installation of the 23 KV and 13.8 KV connections.
- Installation of new relay panels in control house.
- Installation of interconnection wiring from yard equipment to new control panels.
- Programming relays for operation with the RMLP system.
- Third-party testing prior to energization of new transformer [UPG – Jim Fazio]

There has been a delay, not a long one, with the oil collection tank that should be in by the end of the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**December Newsletter:** The December newsletter is out with this month's invoices. The bills should hit the boxes by Thursday or Friday.

**Liens:** We had a total of 9 liens applied to ratepayer's accounts totaling \$9,362.62. The list would have been slightly shorter, but we had the cancellation of the last round of shut offs in November per the DPU.

**2025 Write Offs:** Every year we do a general write off account we either can't collect because the amount is low or there are other circumstances like bankruptcy, or the office can't contact them via email or other means.

Mark Cousins made the motion to except the write off list of customers in collection that have become stale for \$10,736.96. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I," Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I." Voted in at 7:03.

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

General Manager Matthew Brown said the lighting of the common was a success. There have been a number of people commenting on how great the lights look and the hard work the line crew put into decorating the common.

Commissioner Danby Whitmore wanted to ask General Manager Matt Brown and Commissioner DiPersia how they liked the cyber security event they attended. Both said they learned a lot from the meeting and Brown stated starting next year the RMLP will be taking measures to add to security of computers and servers.

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***Executive Session if required.***

There was no reason to go into an executive session for this meeting.

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***Adjournment***

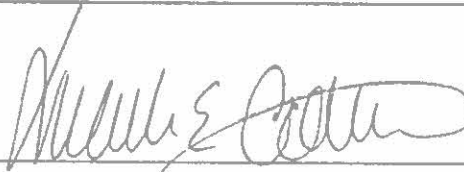
*Danby Whitmore made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan DiPersia seconded. All voted in favor at 7:13 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.*

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Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Bryan DiPersia, Chair



Mark Cousins, Clerk



Danby Whitmore, Member