

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

February 2, 2017

Present: Commissioners: Terry Murphy and Deryck Savoy
Manager: Jill Moretz

Meeting was called to order 7:10 pm

- The minutes of the December 20, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Deryck to accept the minutes as written. Terry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- Deryck went to check the trees on Route 20. He noticed that there were some that were leaning and in bad shape. Jill spoke with Dave Thomas, Lead Engineer from Eversource about the trees on Route 20 and if one comes down on the Becket side the whole town of Chester loses power. Dave said that they trimmed a lot of trees this past year. He will get her in touch with Arborist, Calvin Layton so they could meet and speak about the Route 20 tree issue.
- Jill also spoke with Dave Thomas about the possibility of bringing in Power from an alternative direction rather than Route 20. Dave said it would be a minimum of at least 1.5 million-plus.
- Deryck asked if it was possible to put a switch at the top of Johnson Hill Road and Ingell Road. Jill will talk with Matt again. She thought it was at the bottom of Johnson Hill Road.
- Comcast is in the process of doing an assessment of our poles. In the near future they will be attaching to our poles in areas that have no cable. Before they can attach, some our poles will have to be replaced, updated or wires moved to accommodate their cable.
- Deryck asked if CMELD might consider donating a load of dirt to redo the ballfield. The price could be \$800 to \$1,000. Terry was in favor. We will take a vote next meeting when all commissioners will be present. Jill will ask Pat if the Highway Department could transport the dirt to the ballfield. The Youth Sports Group will take care of spreading the dirt.

- Jill asked come raise time if the commissioners would consider to include an additional week of vacation time in her raise. Both Deryck and Terry agreed.
- Jill shot out a group email to all other muni's to ask who gives a discount and who charges a late fee on unpaid balances. About half give a discount and more than half charges a late fee. Deryck said he didn't want CMELD to start charging any late fees. He believes it as a nice benefit that CMELD does for the rate payers.
- Next meeting is February 28, 2017
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Moretz