

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

**Commissioner's Meeting**

March 21, 2018

Present: Commissioners: Terry Murphy, Deryck Savoy and Duane Pease  
Manager: Jill Moretz  
Guests: Solar On Earth – Harsh Sanghavi, Paul McMann, and Nathan McCarthy  
Justin Quinn - via phone

- Meeting was called to order 5:00 pm
- Harsh Sanghavi, Paul McMann and Nathan McCarthy from Solar on Earth proposed putting up a 6 to 7 Megawatt Solar Field on Craig Jameson's property across the street from the existing Solar Field on Skyline Trail. The commissioners were in agreement that it would be a good idea. We could possibly purchase all of our power from them. We have about a year and half left on our power contract from Shell. Answers to questions that Jill will need to research. Can the existing power lines handle both solar fields? If we buy the power from this solar field in town, can we do away with the RNS charges? Will Solar on Earth need to pay Kerasage (owner of existing solar field) a fee to tap into the lines that were put in to accommodate their solar field. The Line Maintenance Agreement with Kerasage was reviewed. It does not state anywhere that any other entity could not attach to those lines. Jill will check with Chris Pollart, Utility Lawyer at the appropriate time to confirm.
- Justin Quinn from JBQ Resources LLC and his partners are interested in buying the old Tribacher Building at 126 Middlefield Road. They will be using a huge amount of power. Justin is proposing to put up a 500 kW DC solar panel system. It would be ground mounted on the railroad side of the river. This will produce about 65 to 70% of their needed power. Justin would like to receive a discount on the remaining power he would be purchasing from CMELD. Commissioners were in agreement that we would allow him a flat rate of .16 cents per kW for the remainder of our power contract. The contract ends 12/31/2019. Jill will contact Justin to see if he is in agreement. If so she will contact Chris Pollart to write up a draft of a contract. If Justin and his partners are not in agreement with our proposal he would like to know if he can connect to

Eversource lines. Commissioners would not have any issues with this, but we would implement a trespass fee to use CMELD's lines to connect to Eversource's lines.

- The minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Deryck to accept the minutes as written. Duane seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- Jill made the necessary changes to the Code of Conduct form. They were reviewed. Deryck made a motion to adopt the Code of Conduct for Members of the Board. Terry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- Jill informed the commissioners that Mike Hickson, once again requested payroll and payables warrant. They were tacked up at the Mulberry Store this time.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm
  - Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Moretz