

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

**Commissioner's Meeting**

December 20, 2016

Present: Commissioners: Terry Murphy, Deryck Savoy and Mike Hickson  
Manager: Jill Moretz  
Guest: Gene Watters

Meeting was called to order 7:00 pm

- The minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Deryck to accept the minutes as written. Terry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- There were no minutes to December 6, 2016 meeting. The notes for that night were reviewed.
- The commissions reviewed the employee reviews Jill did on the Linesmen and Pam in June.
- Carla from Eversource returned Jill's email and gave her a contact name for information on bringing power into Chester through an alternate route. Jill spoke with the Linesmen and they informed Jill it would be too costly to bring the power into Chester through Old State Highway. Jill will talk to them about East River Road.
- Discussion about putting Jill on Salary. Mike made a motion: To put Jill on salary with a yearly pay of \$48,000, Mike in favor, Deryck and Terry apposed. Motion did not pass.
- At the next meeting, January 3, 2017, Deryck, Terry and Mike will meet and discuss Jill's review. Then at the meeting after that, January 24, 2017 they will give her review.
- Mike asked about the linesmen report. Jill informed Mike that the Linesmen were indeed still working on Hamden Street and almost done.
- Mike asked if the Budget was ever approved. It was approved back in June.
- Mike wanted to review the Stand-by pay for the Linesmen and maybe do away with it. After discussion it was determined that nothing would change and the Linesmen will still receive Stand-by pay.

- On call pay will also stay the same and nothing will change.
- Mike asked Deryck if he went and looked at the trees on Route 20. Deryck had not and will before the next meeting. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.
- Cell phone bill. Mike thinks it is too expensive. Jill said that it is only the emergency cell that we pay for. Jill will look into getting a better deal once the contract is up. Seeing she takes the phone wherever she goes, there has to be good service everywhere.
- Deryck asked if it was possible to put a switch at the bottom of Johnson Hill Road or Johnson Hill Road and Ingell Road. Jill will talk with the Linesmen.
- Mike said that the web-site should be utilized more. Jill explained she cannot enter anything on the web-site. Jill sends the minutes to Pat. Pat is the one who enters the information onto the web-site. Jill also explained that the site hasn't been working properly and Pat is in the process of hiring someone to update it and make it more user friendly.
- Jill informed the commissioners that there is someone in town who is interested in putting in a Solar/Wind field in town. He has the support of Rick Sullivan who is the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for State of Massachusetts. They would like Chester to be the first town in Massachusetts to go completely green.
- Next meeting is January 3, 2016
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill E. Moretz