

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department
15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

April 9, 2019

Present: Commissioners: Terry Murphy, Deryck Savoy and Duane Pease
Manager: Jill Moretz

- Meeting was called to order 6:10 pm
- The minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Duane to accept the minutes as written. Terry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- Jill informed the Commissioners' that her computer died and Northeast IT had to come out and install a new hard drive. Each computer in the office is backed up daily, but it still has been a challenge restoring everything especially at this time when the DPU report is due.
- Jill is still working on the DPU report and it is almost completed. Signatures will be needed probably by the end of next week.
- Matt has sectioned off 3 areas on Route 20 to be cut and trimmed. Northern Tree started today. They will be done by either Thursday or Friday. Matt will assess what areas are next.
- The new CMELD cell phone policy was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Deryck to accept the policy as written, seconded by Duane, all in favor – motion passed.
- The 2019-2020 employee raises were reviewed. The commissioners' agreed to pay compensation for carrying the emergency phone.

- In the next year or two, Matt will start to look at purchasing a new bucket truck. The commissioners' were thinking we should run the bucket truck into the ground before purchasing a new one. The linesmen would like to trade it in while there is still good life left so we can get a good trade-in dollar amount.
- Jill will invite MMWEC to our next meeting so they could get on board with presenting us with a price for our next purchase power contract. Jill will ask ENE to attend our June meeting.
- Jill, Andy Meyers, Jeannie LeClair, and Rich Holzmen met with Larry Gould, the Otis Building Inspector. Larry is the go to person in charge of the Otis Wind Turbine. Andy wanted to see what it took to get the Wind Turbine in Otis and see if it is possible to erect one in Chester. Larry said he would be available for guidance if we needed him. A committee needs to be formed and Jeannie will do some research to see what grants would be available to us. A meeting will be set up for the Chester Selectmen and Electric Light Board to discuss this possibility.
- Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Moretz