

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

**Commissioner's Meeting**

November 12, 2019

Present: Commissioners: Terry Murphy, Deryck Savoy and Duane Pease  
Manager: Jill Moretz  
Guests: James Higby-Selectman, Kathe Warden-Town Administrator,  
Paula Beck-Town Accountant and Mike Jette-resident

- Meeting was called to order 6:00 pm
- Mike Jette asked why CMELD was not in the Mass Save program. We explained that CMELD is a member of ENE and audits can be done without charge to the resident. Belonging to a program such as Mass Save would put too much of a burden on all the rate payers. The rates would go up due to additional charges added to the bills for this program. Mike also inquired about the Solar Buyback Program. Jill explained that there are still plenty of openings to participate in this program for residents.
- James Higby was present representing the Selectmen along with Paula Beck and Kathe Warden to discuss the Town Audit. The Selectmen would like CMELD to contribute to the expense of the audit. Paula explained why she thought CMELD should contribute and Jill explained why she thought they shouldn't. Jill will check with Russell and Paxton to see if they have an audit done and how much it costs them. The Town Audit was put on hold for the time being. Paula was concerned on how CMELD was recording in their accounting program and the numbers that Jill gives her. Jill will call Jamie from Westfield G&E who is their head accountant to come and sit with Jill and Paula. Jamie will explain to Paula how CMELD records and balances with the town.
- The minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Deryck to accept the minutes as written. Duane seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

- Tree trimming is still on going. Middlefield is in the process of being completed and Johnson Hill Road is next; weather permitting.
  - Commissioners agreed to give the CMELD employees the day after Thanksgiving off.
  - Next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10, 2019.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Moretz