

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

March 16, 2021

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

Meeting was called to order 6:00 pm

- The minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Deryck to accept the minutes as written. Duane seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- It has come to Jill's attention that the gas tanks at the garage are not accurate. Bruce from Millers said they are so old and they cannot be calibrated so they would be. We would have to purchase new pumps and that cost would be around \$6,000. Jill said that CMELD has been eating the extra costs. This could be in the range of around \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year. There was some discussions on the best way to handle this. Jill is planning on sitting down with Kathe, Town Administrator and Paula, Town Treasurer to go over the options.
- There was discussion about CMELD's Depreciation Bank Accounts. MaryAnn, Town Collector is interim Treasurer and will be moving our Depreciation accounts to a Money Market account in Westfield Bank.
- The Commissioner's agreed to give CMELD employees a 3% raise this year.
- Duane wanted a better explanation on what went wrong with the solar project up at the Garage. Jill explained that she nor Matt were included in any of the planning. The commissioners asked if Matt and John Vanheynigen could attend our next meeting for a better explanation.

- It was noted that with the winter and wind storms this year, we have had minimal power outages this year. Jill explained that is because we have been very aggressive in trimming trees and cut backs. She plans on doing the same this year.
- Next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 20, 2021.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Moretz