

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

**Commissioner's Meeting**

September 28, 2021

Present: Commissioners: Terry Murphy, Deryck Savoy and Duane Pease  
Manager: Jill Moretz  
Guests: Energy New England (Ken Stambler and Jesse Fitzmaorice) via  
Team Meeting

Meeting was called to order 6:00 pm

- At this time there is no update on the status of the gas pumps at the Town Garage
- The commissioners signed paperwork.
- There is no update on getting the Solar at the Pole Barn fixed and up and running. Jill will check with Kathe on the status.
- Ken Stambler and Jesse Fitzmaorice called via Team Meeting. Ken presented a slide show of the Broadleaf Solar Project and other projects that CMELD might benefit from.
- We to spoke ENE about trying to get together a solar incentive program for home owners to install panels and sell the energy to CMELD. Both CMELD and home owners could benefit. Jill will contact Michelle at ENE next week.
- The commissioners wanted to know why Matt hasn't been out mowing. Jill explained that the mower is broken again. They are waiting on a part that will cost \$2,000. CMELD has hardly used the mower this summer. It has been broken most of the summer. The commissioners are adamant from this point forward that no one will be allowed to use the mower unless they have a license to drive it.

- CMELD has been called multiple times about trees on private property leaning into our lines. Most of these are very expensive to take down. One in particular will cost \$5,000 to remove a limb. The commissioners will be reviewing this. They feel that if the tree is on the property of the owner it should be up to them to remove.
- The minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Duane to accept the minutes as written. Terry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- The bills for the clean-up from Lyman Road transformer spill have started to come in. The first one was over \$20,000 with more to come in. Jill called the insurance company. They might be able to cover some of the costs.
- Jill and Matt have started a Spill Procedure Policy. Will have it at the next meeting for the commissioners' review.
- Next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm.
- - Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Moretz