

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

April 27, 2022

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

Meeting was called to order 6:30 pm

- CMELD and ENE had a ZOOM conference call with Ken Strambler, Michelle Coscia and Christine Beaudry. There was discussion on what we were going to do come the end of December 2022 when our contract is up with Shell. Ken said Shell would be onboard, but needs to sell us at least 90% of our load. At this point it's hard to narrow down what the price of energy would be. Ken presented a PowerPoint slide presentation as to where the market is now and might be in the future. There are a few Green Energy Projects that are in the works for CMELD to entertain joining in. Milan Road out of New Hampshire; going live 2024. Great River Hydro; going live either January or June 2023. Vineyard Wind; going live sometime in 2027.
- There was also more discussion about the PPA between CMELD and the Town. Michelle said she will work on the PPA for the cost of excess energy that the town solar will produce. We have agreed to the PPA for the Recs and will have the Selectmen sign the contract at our next meeting.
- There is no update on the 126 Middlefield Road, Grow Facility Project. Jill will need to contact them and get a zoom meeting set-up with Christine, myself and Glen.
- Jason has not gotten back to Jeremy when he is ready to proceed with connecting the solar on the town buildings.
- The minutes of the February 15th meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Deryck to accept the minutes as written. Terry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

- Pay raises for the employees were discussed. Doug is still on his step program, his raises are automatic. There will be a cost of living raise of 3% for the rest of the employees and Jill and Rosanne will both receive an additional merit raise this year. Rosanne will receive an additional 5½ % and Jill will receive an additional 7%.
- Jill informed the commissioners that she will be retiring on December 31, 2022.
- Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May, 31 2022 at 6:00pm.
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Moretz