

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

February 21, 2023

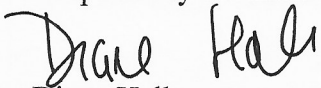
Present: Commissioners: Terry Murphy, Deryck Savoy, Duane Pease
Manager: Diane Hall
Attendees: Andy Meyers

Meeting was called to order 6:07 pm

- Discussed bids for heating system/unit on CMELD side of garage – Bid from State Line Propane was looked at favorably. Deryck requested we contact them to see if the new propane tank(s) could be purchased outright and for what amount and 2) to ask if they would be able to quote a ceiling radiant system as well.
- Reviewed a quote for solar at the water treatment facility from Northeast Solar. ARPA funds were discussed. Deryck requested a meeting with the Water commissioners to discuss further as he wants to make sure that this system is not oversized for solar buyback.
- Discussed storage of CMELD records again – the racking in the vault was purchased by CMELD and we were informed by the Town Clerk that it will not be doing back into the vault. We can set it up anywhere we can find room. Also discussed the fact that CMELD bins were found in the C.O.A. room next to the shredder on Monday, 2/21/23. We will need to go before the Selectmen to make sure this doesn't happen again.
- CMELD Garage notes: Jeremy Tremblay mentioned that we should be thinking about replacing the bucket truck – existing one is a 2001. He also mentioned that the pickup may need a transmission replacement. Cooper Chechile has been here for 3 months and was told at time of hire that that we would pay for him to get his Class B DOT license. They will be looking into getting him into the next available course and getting him outfitted for the job.

- Discussion of CMELD separating from the Town for paying our own bills through the CMELD checking account and doing our own payroll and taxes was brought up. We will be looking into tax and accounting services should we decide to do this.
- Deryck mentioned that he and Andy Meyers had discussed researching rate options for the Town with Eversource. Andy mentioned that the solar buyback program through Eversource was better than CMELD's. There was also discussion of MassSave rebates available to residents if they opted to vote CMELD out. Andy mentioned that they would need a 2/3 vote at 2 separate town meetings, 60 days apart to do this.
- Andy Meyers mentioned talking to the Army Corp. of Engineers about Hydro at Littleville Dam.
Motion made by Deryck to accept the previous minutes as written; Terry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. by Terry Murphy and seconded by Deryck Savoy.

Respectfully submitted,


Diane Hall
GM, CMELD

