

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

May 25, 2023

Present: Commissioners: Terry Murphy, Duane Pease
Manager: Diane Hall
Attendees: Andy Meyers, Bob Daley, Tom Bean
Absent: Deryck Savoy

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

- Read minutes of 4-25-23 meeting – Approved and accepted.
- Requested CMELD have access to Permit Eyes to make sure we can see that the proper permits are being pulled for new electrical services and renovations. Spoke to John Van Heyningen (electrical inspector) and he will get us “read-only” access.
- Residents and town employees calling Jeremy Tremblay’s personal cell phone for CMELD issues – recommended to Jeremy that he put a block on his phone – or an outgoing message stating to call CMELD office for electrical issues.
- Bob Daley sent the Northeast Solar quote over to the office for discussion at the meeting. We advised him that Deryck wanted to make sure that the system was not “over-sized” I the proposal (this was discussed at an earlier meeting) and he would like to speak with whoever did the proposal.
- Littleville Dam project – I asked Andy Myers if this had been brought before the Selectboard for approval of the feasibility study and he said that John Baldassaro ok’d it.
- Discussion was made on Rosanne Mc Laflin’s compensation for work for the Water Dept. The Water Dept. wanted to keep the “stipend” directly to Roseanne and let CMELD pay her wages for time spent on water issues. This became a heated discussion, based on various factors. Andy Meyers mentioned that CMELD’s portion of Town Accountant and

Treasurer was significant (\$13,000/yr) and it might be a good idea to keep things as they were. There is much more being done by CMELD for the Water Dept. than everyone knows. This discussion was tabled until an equitable solution could be arrived at by both departments.

- Motion made by Duane to accept the previous minutes as written; Terry seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. by Duane Pease and seconded by Terry Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hall

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GM, CMELD

Accepted :

Duane Pease
Terry Murphy
Diane