

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

September 19, 2023

Present: Commissioners: Terry Murphy, Deryck Savoy, Duane Pease  
Manager: Diane Hall  
Attendees: Andy Myers, Mary Ann Pease

Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M.

Commissioners agreed to waive reading minutes of previous meeting and would sign June, July, and August minutes at conclusion of meeting.

Discussed job description from Jeremy Tremblay outlining CMELD Line Foreman duties so we can advertise. In the meantime, Jeremy is reaching out to people that he knows to see if anyone is interested.

Discussed Treasurer expenses as we had not agreed with original division by Treasurer. Sara will be here on Wednesday, September 27, in the Town Hall to discuss this.

Reported to the Commissioners that a new 2023 Ford F250 SuperDuty pick up was purchased at Sarat Ford and the old 2016 Chevrolet was used as a trade in.

Discussed lack of follow up on new employee benefit amounts – effective 7/1/23 – from the Town. No new amounts have been taken out of paychecks yet and concern was that a “lump catch-up” amount would be taken.

Voted to change CMELD meetings' days to Mondays while Tai-Kwando is being held in the auditorium (probably through May). We will check the Selectmen's calendar and try to schedule on weeks that they do not have meetings.

Discussed Novus (new IT for TOC) not including CMELD in the offsite back ups due to our computers not being compatible with the Town's. We were offered the opportunity to have

them do our backups at \$159/month. A call was made to Northeast IT(former company), and they will do it for \$99/month plus a \$250.00 set up charge. We will probably purchase external hard drives for each computer and do our own backups. Concern was that when the Town negotiated with Novus for this, CMELD was not included.

Discussed BlackRock Dividend interest being swept by Town. Was informed that no MLPs in the state do this and was advised to investigate this matter more thoroughly. This dividend amounts to between \$4,500 and \$5,000 per year and it is the "reinvestment of the customers' money".

Andy Myers mentioned that Eversource was asking for an explanation of what was included in the PCA and also what attachments we had on the poles. He also mentioned that CMELD Commissioners should be the ones to make the decision to allow Eversource to take over – not the voters. It was explained that this had to go to the Annual Town Meeting for 2 years and be voted on by the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 and seconded by Duane Pease.

Respectfully submitted,

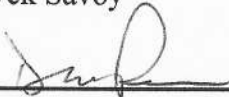
Diane M. Hall  
General Manager  
CMELD

Approved:



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Deryck Savoy



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Duane Pease

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Terry Murphy

