

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

June 23, 2025

Present: Commissioners: Deryck Savoy, Lori Fieldstad, Beth Lansing
Manager: Diane Hall
Guests: Rosanne McClafin

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioners signed the previous minutes to be submitted to the Town Clerk.

Update on Mass C.E.C. grant award for removal of dead ash trees on Bromley Road – Diane will be meeting with Elias Jameson from MMWEC on Monday, 6/30/25, to sign the paperwork. Tim at Ridgeline Tree was contacted to see about getting us on the schedule for the work to be done before September. Closing the road to through traffic (residents only) was discussed as Ridgeline said they could do a faster job with less traffic interruptions.

Update on 2024 Audit – Diane contact Roselli PCA, who is doing the Town of Chester Audit – They will consider doing it if we don't get any other bids. Goulet, Salvido, who did CMELD's 2023 audit quoted a much higher price.

Diane contacted M & B Tractor in West Springfield to inquire about the repairs for the mower. They said they were understaffed and wouldn't be able to get us a quote for several weeks.

Discussion regarding a peak-shaving generator was discussed – Diane recommended that Dan Moriarty be included in any discussions to make sure we would not have to upgrade our lines to accommodate it.

Discussed adding a monthly fee to the Middlefield and Hilltown Ambulance gas and diesel billing as this is a convenience for them, but technically not part of the Town of Chester. It was decided that a \$10.00 monthly fee for Middlefield Fire, Police, Highway, and two ambulance accounts would be fair. It was also decided that any "new" fobs given out would be billed at \$15.00 each.

Chip Dalzell was concerned about the gas & diesel prices that Roberts Energy and Wheeler Oil were charging and mentioned that Huntington had O'Connell deliver theirs at a lower rate. Diane will contact O'Connell and see about getting pricing going forward.

Commisisoners approved COLA increase for employees, based on the Town of Chester's actions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. by Beth Lansing and seconded by Lori Fieldstad.

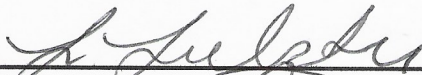
Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Hall
General Manager
CMELD

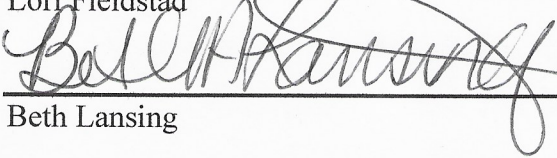
Approved:



Deryck Savoy



Lori Fieldstad



Beth Lansing