

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

July 30, 2025

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

Meeting called to order at 3:09 p.m.

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

Zoom meeting with Goulet, Salvado, (Adam Borbone, Heather Isaacs) who did the 2023 CMELD audit. Lori had contacted them to see if they could go over the findings and answer questions. Deficiencies in the audit were discussed at length. The biggest item discussed was the pension. Adam Borbone explained that these numbers were nothing that CMELD had anything to do with. It was suggested that we contact Hampden County Retirement Board and request information on who is collecting a pension from CMELD and see what is driving our expense.

They mentioned that we could hire them to do quarterly auditing on our accounts, which would not be a conflict since another auditing firm is conducting the 2024 audit. The General Ledger, A/R, A/P Lori suggested they send a proposal for spending one day per quarter here. They also mentioned that they would need a letter from the Roselli & Clark (2024 auditor) saying this was not a conflict with them.

After the zoom call was completed, Diane updated the Commissioners on the 2024 audit in progress and mentioned that Jamie Naughton of Westfield Gas & Electric will be assisting with the 2024 DPU report.

It was brought up that we ask to be on the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting in August to discuss culverts on Abbott Hill that are becoming a problem with the poles and also road widening on some secondary roads that are bringing the poles out into the roadway itself. Beth Lansing

recommended that CMELD, Highway and Conservation have a meeting regarding this.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 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