

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

June 10, 2025

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

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Discussed tree issues on Taft Road. It was suggested that we draft a letter to the 7 residents to let them know what CMELD's responsibilities are to respond to outage calls. Some trees were cut down at 11 Taft Road and the homeowner was unhappy. We discovered that, back in 1968, the owner of the "road" granted an easement solely for purpose of providing electric service along the entire length of the road and for the installation, maintenance, and care of said service. This was filed in the Hamden County Registry of Deeds.

Power Manager Software for G/L – currently being used on the A/R side for electric (and water) billing. Adding modules would allow for less duplication for the A/P, G/L side. Power Manager is offering a 45-day trial to see if CMELD would like to change over. Diane spoke with Paxton Light (MLP) for reference as they currently use this software.

Update on Mass C.E.C. grant for vegetation management for the dead ash trees on Skyline Trail. Still waiting for approval.

Discussed having an audit for 2024 to make sure, going forward, there are no issues. Diane will contact several CPA firms that specialize in FERC and Municipal accounting.

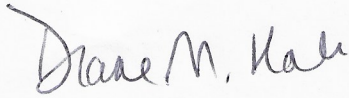
We were told that the over-the-guard rail mower needs extensive repairs, and it will be out of service for possible one month. Chip Dalzell will furnish a quote on the repairs.

Discussed on call pay for linemen and mutual aid with Russell to possibly eliminate on call pay. This was tabled for the time being until a budget could be finalized. Lori recommended we "map out" overtime over the last two years to see how much we could save.

Discussed possibility of purchasing a "town-wide" generator for power outages – to avoid having power out when the Becket circuit fails. Deryck asked Dan Moriarty look at the infrastructure and see if this is feasible and to see what the ballpark cost would be.

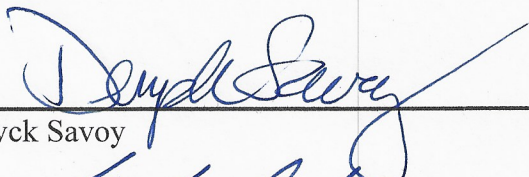
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Lori Fieldstad and seconded by Beth Lansing.

Respectfully submitted,



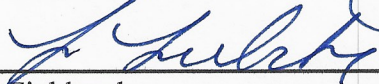
Diane M. Hall  
General Manager  
CMELD

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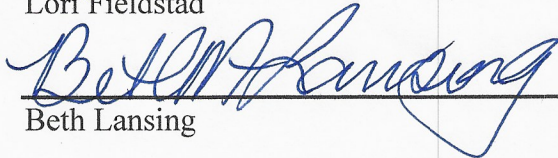
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Deryck Savoy



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Lori Fieldstad



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Beth Lansing