

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

15 Middlefield Road, Chester MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

September 25, 2025

Present: Deryck Savoy, Beth Lansing, Lori Fieldstad

Manager: Diane Hall

Guests: Rosanne McClafin, Andrew Alward, Tom Barry & Eli Jameson (MMWEC)

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Presentation from Tom Barry and Eli Jameson from MMWEC to explain the benefits available to CMELD's should they decide to switch from Energy New England. MMWEC has 19 Municipal electric companies under their guidance vs. 21 at ENE. They passed out materials for the Commissioners to look at showing the diverse options available, including procuring power, engineering, consulting, and metering. They indicated that their monthly fees were less than ENE and their billing structures were different. MMWEC said they would support power shaving in Chester if they had the opportunity to sign us as a client. We thanked them for their time and efforts and told them that, as our contract was coming due for renewal with ENE, we would be making a decision soon.

Lori said that Goulet, Salvadio, and Associates (the CPA firm that did CMELD's 2023 Audit) would be sending a proposal outlining what they would do to help with 2025 financials, monthly and quarterly reporting and assisting Diane with learning the accrual method of accounting. A performance policy was presented, outlining improvement expectations and performance standards. Diane had successfully completed a Public Utility Accounting course sponsored by NEPPA (New England Public Power Association) and felt that it was a good starting point. The plan's duration was 12/31/25; however, Deryck felt that since there were only 3 months left in the fiscal year, that deadline should be moved out accordingly with the start date of GSA's training.

Diane mentioned that John Garvey of the Historical Society had emailed her requesting a picture for the 2026 Annual Calendar of CMELD employees and the bucket truck, in honor of the 100-year anniversary of CMELD. The Commissioners did not have an interest in being in the photo.

Discussion regarding MMWEC's presentation – one question was that CMELD has a 2-year contract for 2026 and 2027 with Shell (negotiated through ENE). Our Gt. River Hydro contracts run through 2030; so how would MMWEC be able to negotiate power for us if we had those existing contracts?

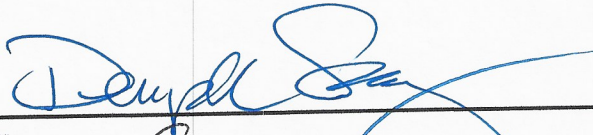
Next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 16th at 6 p.m. to discuss the ENE contract renewal or decide to change to MMWEC.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

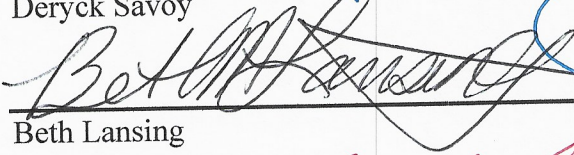
Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hall

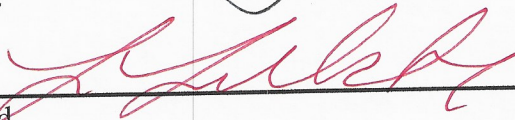
Approved:



Deryck Savoy



Beth Lansing



Lori Fieldstad