

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

Date: April 2, 2026

6:30 pm - CMELD office 15 Middlefield Road Chester MA 01011

Attendees: Deryck Savoy/Chairman (DS), Lori Fieldstad /Commissioner (LF), Beth Lansing/Commissioner (BL) Rosanne McClafin/CMELD Admin (RM), Craig Gauthier (CG) Chester Board of Selectmen, Carol Martucci (CM) MMWEC, Tom Barry (TB) MMWEC

Chairman called meeting to order 6:32 pm

Approval of minutes of March 23, 2026, meeting postponed to next meeting.

Chairman moved to move ahead on Agenda to MMWEC presentation as CM and TB, all agreed.

CM and TB presented extensive information regarding MMWEC services and Joint Action. Discussion followed, with unanimous decision to move forward with MMWEC adding additional responsibility to the existing services and establishment of a working capital trust with MMWEC for said purpose. CM to prepare comprehensive package and contract and forward for review. Commissioners must vote to approve capital trust account and authorization of RM to sign contracts. TB review additional joint action and financial services.

LF noted pursuing commitment from GSA for services. CM noted they (MMWEC) work with them and will grant access to Adam for MMWEC portal and CMELD information. TB noted upcoming annual conference and additional informational meetings with GM, commissioners, etc.

LF communication/commitment from GSA, noted improved communications with GSA, RM noted previously requested documentation provided to Adam/GSA.

LF noted Tony Roselli agreed to audit CMELD in conjunction with TOC audit.

Unanimous agreement not to combine CMELD with Town of Chester Water Department.

DS, no status update available regarding Diane Hall and Dan Moriarty insurance inquiries as Town Administrator was not present.

Discussion of GM duties and job posting additional discussion to be tabled until next meeting. Update job descriptions and begin drafting based on outsourced services.

RM noted no update on insurance issue (D. Hall/ D. Moriarty) from Town administrator. Digger experiencing mechanical issues, contacting Quality Fleet Services for evaluation/repair. Ford pick-up leaking fluid, taken to Sarat Ford for warrantee repairs.

RM possibly attend MMWEC accounting training. MMWEC member training – ok to attend, additional discussion to attend annual meeting.

Commissioners' approval RM access to Softright.

Employee accrual time reviewed and was ready to provide to GSA and Town Administrator. RM noted she had been short vacation hours from previous years. Board approval with exception for additional review of RM time due.


CG presented idea for CMELD and Highway Dept to share a dumpster as opposed to each paying for their own. Additional discussion was had and more specific cost savings to be researched.

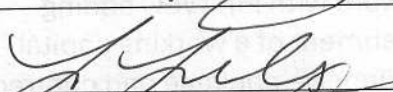
There being no other business, DS motion to adjourn 8:07pm – BL seconded.

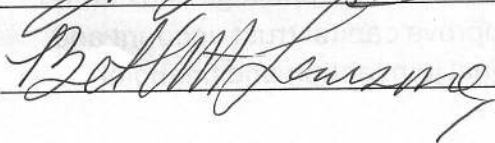
Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne McClaflin CMELD Admin Asst/Interim Mgr.

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