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**WMGLD Commissioner Chase receives
Commissioner Service Award from NEPPA**



Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Commissioner Ken Chase, right, recently received a Commissioner Service Award from the Northeast Public Power Association. Joining him at the NEPPA Annual Conference are fellow Commissioners (from left) Chair Jack Warchol, Philip Courcy and Jennifer Kallay.

(Wakefield, MA) – Longtime Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (WMGLD)

Commissioner Ken Chase recently received a Commissioner Service Award from the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA). Commissioner Chase received the prestigious award during the organization's recent Annual Conference.

Commissioner Chase has served on the WMGLD Board of Commissioners for more than 40 years and has served as Chair for eight of those years. In nominating him for the award, past WMGLD Board Chair Jennifer Kallay highlighted his background as a fiscal watchdog for the department, ensuring that the WMGLD employs best practices in all its financial reporting and decision-making. She noted the Commissioner's support for several successful projects, including the new battery storage project at the Beebe station, the investment in the Berkshire Wind Cooperative project, the North Avenue headquarters, automated meter reading, and IT solutions to streamline internal processes and controls.

In accepting the award, Commissioner Chase said, "It has been my honor to serve Wakefield during my 40 years of service to the WMGLD. During that time, Wakefield has had two excellent General Managers: William Wallace and Peter Dion."

Professionally, Commissioner Chase was associated with Commonwealth Energy Systems, now Eversource, where he managed accounting divisions and special projects. As a lifelong resident of Wakefield, he is actively involved in the community as a member of both the Wakefield Elks and Knights of Columbus, and as a coach for several sports teams. He serves as the WMGLD Board as the liaison for its historical calendar.

"Congratulations to Commissioner Ken Chase for this well-deserved recognition," WMGLD General Manager Pete Dion said. "He has been a key member of the Board for the past 40 years and has been instrumental in some of the department's major milestones."