



## **LELD Commissioners and Staff Honored for Long-Term Public Service and Mutual Aid Efforts**

LITTLETON – The Littleton Electric Light Department and its leadership have been recognized by regional and national organizations for their service to the community and for organizing mutual aid teams to assist hurricane-ravaged power systems last year. Among LELD’s ranks are a Person of the Year, a Distinguished Service Award winner, and three recipients of the Commissioner Service Award.

Three LELD commissioners were honored by the Northeast Public Power Association for leadership and long-term service to a public power utility. Also, NEPPA recognized General Manager Nick Lawler and former General Manager Scott Edwards for their leadership in organizing mutual aid response to Florida and the Virgin Islands. In addition, the American Public Power Association recently announced LELD received the Mutual Aid Commendation for providing assistance in communities devastated by natural disasters.

“Public service and providing mutual aid to help neighbors near and far goes to the heart of what we do as a public power utility,” said Nick Lawler, general manager of the Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments. “We were proud to support other electric utilities in need across the country.”

NEPPA presented the Commissioner Service Award for outstanding leadership and service to LELD Commissioners Bruce Trumbull, who has served 18 years; Tom Rauker, who has served 16 years, and Ivan Pagacik, who has served 11 years. “The Commissioner Service Award is for Commissioners or elected Light Board members of NEPPA member utilities who have provided outstanding leadership to their public power systems for three full terms or at least 10 years,” states NEPPA.

In addition, NEPPA presented Lawler with its Distinguished Service Award for his service as the chairman of the association’s Mutual Aid Committee, acting as the contact for every utility seeking aid during the turbulent storm season. Lawler personally led eight crews to the Homestead, Florida area after Hurricane Irma and coordinated the logistics for 25 crews in the Virgin Islands.

Edwards, who recently retired as LELWD'S general manager, was honored as NEPPA's Person of the Year for his "sustained, outstanding service and contributions to NEPPA and to public power." During his distinguished career as an engineer, operations manager and general manager, Edwards helped revolutionize a mutual aid system that has deployed hundreds of linemen to dozens of locations.

LELD received the Mutual Aid Commendation from the American Public Power Association for sending mutual aid crews to restore power in hurricane-ravaged areas. LELD led mutual aid convoys of New England public power utilities to restore electricity in parts of Florida and the Virgin Islands following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in September. LELD participates in the APPA's Mutual Aid Network, which coordinates with utilities and authorities during widespread power outages.

For more information about LELWD, visit [www.lelwd.com](http://www.lelwd.com). LELWD has been providing reliable power to the towns of Littleton and Boxborough, and clean drinking water to the town of Littleton for over a century. LELD consistently ranks among the lowest residential electric rates in the state.