



SOUTH HADLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS VIRTUAL MEETING
Minutes of the Executive Session of April 23, 2020

Present: Chair Gregory Dubreuil, Vice Chair John Hine, Clerk Anne Awad, Peter McAvoy
Absent: Kurt Schenker

Also Present: SHELD General Manager Sean Fitzgerald, Financial Manager Michael Conchieri, Telecommunications Manager Bob Liswell, Administrative Assistant Kim Mendoza

The Executive Session of the Electric Light Board convened at 5:06 PM following an Open Session motion, by John Hine and seconded by Anne Awad, to enter executive session by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Fitzgerald presented information on the final stage of closing on the purchase of property at 545 Granby Road for the price of \$120,000. SHELD funds were wired to the closing attorney and the closing is waiting on a final mortgage pay off figure from the seller's note holder. The closing is anticipated within the next two weeks.

The Board was given a wet-lands delineation report which was performed by Fuss & O'Neill in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act. This is a critical step in determining if this site is adequate for SHELD's operation. The report indicates there is about 5.20 acres of suitable land on the front portion of the property. There is additional land in the back of the property which wraps around a wet land area which splits the front and back of the property.

SHELD is in the process of filing of an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area (ANRAD), to confirm the delineation of a bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) with the South Hadley Conservation Commission. An accepted ANRAD will provide confirmation of the delineation as created in the report. The report was conducted by a certified wet land engineer/expert who abided by regulations established in the Wetland Protection Act.

Any work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer would require filing a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission under the State Wetlands Protection Act. Work within the buffer zones will need to be permitted but should not be a problem, if done correctly, according to the engineering experts at Fuss and O'Neill.

Mr. Dubreuil asked for an update on other surrounding properties that SHELD had also investigated. Mr. Fitzgerald said that the owner of the property on the left was going to continue the remodeling plans to his building but wanted to know if SHELD would be interested in the piece of property behind his building. After a brief discussion, it was decided that no decision needed to be made on that right now.

"Redacted portion of the minutes are related to the Fiber Project, voted not to be released as of April 22, 2021.

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John Hine moved, and Anne Awad seconded a motion, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. The Executive Session ended at 5:58 PM.


Anne Awad, Clerk

Approved: May 27, 2020