

Minutes of the Municipal Light Board
Executive Session of June 27, 2019
South Hadley Electric Light Department

Present: Gregory Dubreuil, Chair
Anne Awad, Clerk
Kurt Schenker
Peter McAvoy

Absent - John Hine

Also Present: Sean Fitzgerald, General Manager

In Open Session of the meeting of this date, a roll call vote on a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of competitive negotiations regarding real estate was held. In discussion of the motion, it was noted that said discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental effect on SHELD's negotiating position. The motion included the statement that the Board would not return to Open Session when the Executive Session adjourned. The vote was unanimous with 4 ayes and one absent (Dubreuil-aye, Schenker-aye, Awad-aye, McAvoy-aye).

The Executive Session convened at 6:45 PM. The Manager, Mr. Fitzgerald, shared that following the Board's directive earlier, he had engaged a real estate agent to explore and recommend options for a new facility location. The agent was instructed to not share the identity of the customer as Mr. Fitzgerald suspected that it might push prices up. The agent returned a number of potential sites for consideration and Mr. Fitzgerald visited several.

After discussion, the Board and the Manager agreed that 28 Gaylord Street had many advantages. This site is located in front of Mohawk Papers. The acreage is adequate to SHELD's needs for administrative and yard space. It has good access off Routes 202 and 116, it is in the Falls area of Town and the site is "ready-to-build" (no demolition, ground preparation needed).

A motion was made by Schenker and seconded by Awad to authorize the Manager to engage an architect to develop a plot plan for the site and to pursue an offer for sale on 28 Gaylord Street, South Hadley, MA 01075, not to exceed \$500,000. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to adjourn from the Executive Session was made by Dubreuil and seconded by McAvoy. By roll call vote it passed unanimously (Dubreuil-aye, Schenker-aye, Awad-aye, McAvoy-aye). Adjournment was at 7:10 PM.


Anne Awad, Clerk

Approved: July 25, 2019