

**SOUTH HADLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE SESSION VIRTUAL MEETING  
AUGUST 26, 2021 AT 5:15 P.M.**

Present for the Board: Chairman Gregory Dubreuil, Vice-Chair John Hine, Anne Awad, Kurt Schenker, Peter McAvoy (arrived 5:25)

Present for SHELDT: General Manager Sean Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant Kim Mendoza  
Financial Manager Michael Conchieri, Sr Engineer Mark Gilmore (arrived 5:18)

The virtual meeting open session was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Chairman Dubreuil. It was voted to move into Executive Session to discuss competitive negotiations regarding real estate, by a roll call vote.

Mr. Fitzgerald outlined the reason for the executive session. The Board had approved the purchase of 1.28 acres located on Titan's Pier Road in 2018 to improve South Hadley's electric reliability by rebuilding an existing power line across the river and interconnect with HG&E's system. During SHELDT's planning process, the abutting neighbor at 14 Titan's Pier Road approached Mr. Gilmore and requested an option to purchase a 60-foot section of the property which abuts his 14 Titan's Pier Road property.

SHELDT management reviewed the request and decided that selling the 60 feet would have zero impact to its plans and would still allow ample land to accomplish the pole set and interconnect plans. A license agreement was suggested, which allows SHELDT to retain ownership should the future require the need to regain the 60-foot section, but the abutter found it was too restrictive and would rather purchase the land.

After Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Gilmore answered questions from board members, Mr. Fitzgerald recommended they move forward with getting the property appraised and calculating the expenses SHELDT would incur to sell it. The board agreed and said the topic would be tabled in the open session until another time.

Then, on a motion by Mr. Hine and seconded by Ms. Awad, the executive session meeting was VOTED: to adjourn and return to open session at 6:00PM, by a roll call vote: Mr. Hine – aye, Ms. Awad – aye, Mr. Schenker-aye, Mr. McAvoy – aye, Mr. Dubreuil – aye.

The executive session ended at 5:36 P.M.

  
Anne Awad, Clerk

Approved: September 23, 2021