

Reading Municipal Light Board of Commissioners

Regular Session

230 Ash Street

Reading, MA 01867

May 18, 2005

Start Time of Regular Session: 7:35 p.m.

End Time of Regular Session: 10:24 p.m.

Attendees:

Commissioners: Herlihy, Pacino, Soli, Kearns, and Hahn

RMLD Staff: Messrs. Cameron, Mr. Fournier, Kazanjian, and Ms. Antonio

CAB: Mr. Norton

**Liaisons: Mr. Duffy (Selectmen)
Mr. Bolger (Finance Committee)**

Guest(s): Mr. John Coyle

Chairman Herlihy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

This meeting of the Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) Board of Commissioners May 18, 2005 is being broadcast at the RMLD's office at 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA. This meeting is being video taped for distribution to the community television stations in North Reading, Wilmington, and Lynnfield.

Minutes

January 19, 2005

Mr. Pacino made a motion seconded by Mr. Soli to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of January 19, 2005 with the changes as presented.

Motion carried 4:0:1. (Mr. Hahn was not present at the January 19 meeting.)

Chairman Herlihy commented that the Secretary Pro Tem has done a poor job in getting the minutes done in a timely manner, and he apologized for the delay, and hoped to have them ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Pacino asked about the minutes from the last meeting not being on the agenda, because he had approved them to be put on. Mr. Cameron stated they would be on the next agenda.

Report of the Chairman of the Board

Chairman Herlihy stated he wished to raise an issue that was not on the Agenda. He stated there was an item in the broadcast news tonight featuring the RMLD, and he wanted the General Manager to comment on the story.

Mr. Cameron stated that about 3:30 P.M. today there were lightening strikes and a hailstorm in North Reading. Lightening hit a feeder on Haverhill Street in North Reading and took down one phase. He noted that in order to do the repair, the entire circuit had to be taken out. The outage lasted about 45 minutes. He said Channel 5 News interviewed Paul Carson, the Manager of Engineering.

Chairman Herlihy received a letter dated April 29, 2005 from the Chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB), Roger Lessard, relative to the CAB's recommendation of the FY06 Capital Budget.

Chairman Herlihy read the letter aloud. Chairman Herlihy noted that earlier in the evening the RMLD Budget Subcommittee met and also recommended the passage of the FY06 Capital Budget in the amount of \$4,291,916.

Report of the Chairman of the Board

Chairman Herlihy received a letter dated April 29, 2005 from the Chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB), Roger Lessard, relative to the CAB's recommendation of the FY06 Capital Budget.

Mr. Cameron stated that both the CAB and the Board's Subcommittee went through the budget very thoroughly. He thought the staff did an excellent job in putting the budget together, and noted that unit costs, where applicable, have been added.

Ms. Kearns asked for the viewing audience, if the General Manager could compare the total Capital Budget being proposed for FY06 with the current Capital Budget?

Mr. Cameron said that he didn't have the exact figures for the 2005 Capital Budget. However, he stated that the 2005 Capital Budget is higher than the FY06 budget, and added he is trying to manage down to a \$4 million per year level in the future.

Chairman Herlihy asked the General Manager to elaborate on how the Capital Budget will strengthen the system, and how it ties in with the phase out of two substations.

Mr. Cameron explained that work is being done to upgrade Lynnfield from 4KV to a 13.8KV distribution voltage. He said that he hopes within a year the Lynnfield substation will be decommissioned. He said that Lynnfield is served by the North Reading Substation and will see more reliability with these upgrades. He said, in Reading, the 4KV areas are also being upgraded to 13.8KV, and the transformers at Station 1 on Ash Street will then be removed. The Department will then be a three-substation system. He also noted that feeders in Wilmington and North Reading have either been or are being upgraded. He stated the Department is upgrading the breakers at the Gaw Substation to maintain its reliability.

Chairman Herlihy asked the General Manager if it was fair to say that the Capital Budget improvements will enhance the reliability of the system.

Mr. Cameron replied, " yes".

Chairman Herlihy asked if the Department will be addressing the residential building projects?

Mr. Cameron stated the Department has already received the designs and the equipment has been ordered.

The Board members thanked the staff and the CAB for their work on the Capital Budget.

Mr. Pacino made a motion seconded by Ms. Kearns that the RMLD Board of Commissioners adopt the FY 2006 Capital Budget in the amount of \$4,291,916 on the recommendation of the General Manager and the RMLD Board Budget Subcommittee.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

Chairman Herlihy received a letter dated April 29, 2005 from the Chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB), Roger Lessard, relative to the CAB's recommendation of a reduction in the FY06 Operating Budget and a recommendation of the FY06 Operating Budget.

Chairman Herlihy read the first motion set forth in the letter, and asked the General Manager to explain the background of the motion.

Mr. Cameron stated there is an Insurance Reserve for deductibles. The Reserve is used to offset costs that may incur as the result of damages. He noted that during the past several years the reserve has not had to be used extensively, and then the amount was reduced in last year's budget with the proviso that it would not be used in the Cost-of-Service-Study. When discussion arose this year about the reserve amount, Mr. Cameron agreed that it be \$50,000, and he would manage to that level.

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Ms. O'Leary added that the \$50,000 would be used if the RMLD suffers its own property damage, i.e., a transformer in a substation has a catastrophic incident, and insurance does not cover the full cost of replacement.

Chairman Herlihy read the second motion in the letter. He noted that the Operating Budget will be reviewed by the Board Subcommittee and the Board.

New England Public Power Association (NEPPA) Board of Directors, Patrick Hyland, Executive Director, request to have the General Manager sit on the NEPPA Board.

Chairman Herlihy asked the General Manager to comment on Patrick Hyland's request.

Mr. Cameron stated he was approached by other members of the NEPPA Board earlier in the year and asked if he would serve on the NEPPA Board. There are three people retiring from the Board this year. He said that he would serve, but asked that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the RMLD Board regarding this position. He noted that the Department is one of the largest contributors to NEPPA concerning annual dues. He said if he were to serve on the Board, the Department would have a voice on how the money is spent at NEPPA. He commented that NEPPA is a fine organization that provides training and services, and he feels it would be worthwhile to sit on the Board.

Ms. Kearns asked how often the NEPPA Board met and approximately how many hours a month the General Manager saw himself working on NEPPA items?

Mr. Cameron stated he believed the Board met four times a year, plus a meeting during the NEPPA Annual Conference. The meetings would involve a day out of the office four times a year. Most of the business would be conducted over the phone. He noted two meetings a year are held in either Connecticut or Northern New England. He stated NEPPA will pick up the hotel and meals if there is an overnight stay.

Mr. Herlihy commented that when he received this letter he had two feelings, admiration and trepidation. He said that he did not want to see the Department go down a road that was traveled in the past. He told the General Manager, that his primary mission is the operation of the RMLD, on a daily basis, and he would not like to see him attending many different board and association meetings, some of which may only have an indirect benefit to the Department. He feels as far as the NEPPA Board is concerned, the General Manager's work on this Board of Directors can only benefit the Board, and would not cost the Department anything. It would allow Mr. Cameron to bring his voice to their deliberations. He supports the request, and urged the other Board members to support it.

Ms. Kearns made a motion seconded by Mr. Soli that the RMLD Board of Commissioners encourage the General Manager to seek nomination to serve on the NEPPA Board.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

Working Groups/New Subcommittees

Chairman Herlihy stated he would like to see the creation of some new subcommittees and working groups at the Board. He commented that there are some items before the Board that will require some study by the Board this year, and he feels the best way to do that is through subcommittees or working groups that can be disbanded when the study is complete. He felt the Board owes it to the community and to the ratepayers to do a more thorough review of the issue of Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL). He would like the Board to come to an educated decision on BPL. He noted he will be attending a seminar on BPL at the American Public Power Association (APPA) Conference next month, and he looks forward to bringing back some ideas on how the Department might be able to address BPL in either a limited or more expanded capacity. He would be willing to serve on a working group on this issue with a fellow board member. He thought Mr. Hahn, with his level of expertise, may be interested.

**Report of the Chairman of the Board
Working Groups/New Subcommittees**

Mr. Hahn said he would be happy to serve and stated he does have some experience in telecommunications including BPL. He noted it is a technology that is relatively immature, but has promise, and is not without issues. He agreed with Mr. Herlihy that it should be looked at thoroughly.

Chairman Herlihy said he has no particular agenda on BPL, but is curious about it and would like a thorough review.

Ms. Kearns asked if there were a working group or subcommittee established to look into the kind of survey the Department is going to do with the ratepayers, i.e., what the survey should say.

Chairman Herlihy thought the survey might come under the Public Relations Subcommittee.

Chairman Herlihy continued by saying that other issues he is interested in are the green power initiatives. He would like a couple of Board members to talk with the General Manager on this subject, and possibly analyze the results of the survey, which he feels will show some interest in green power alternative fuels. In addition to having the group that looks at the survey, he would be interested in having a group look into whether the Department should look to expand its use of alternative fuels and energy sources in the future.

Mr. Cameron responded that with respect to the customer survey, he thought it could be done in-house without the Board involved. He said there is a RMLD committee, which has determined what questions will be asked, and it does include questions on green power on the residential side. He stated he preferred to keep the survey within the Department because the employees will be working with the company who has been hired to do the telephone survey. He noted the company will aid the Department in wording the questions correctly, and he felt the survey is an operational task.

Ms. Kearns asked if the General Manager was implying that the Board not work on the survey.

Mr. Cameron responded yes.

Ms. Kearns said she did not agree with the General Manager. She said she has a lot of experience drafting surveys, and in what should go into a survey in order to get results. She stated her role as a Board member is to make sure that she represents the public to the General Manager, and feels the subcommittee should be part of drafting the survey.

Mr. Cameron did not want the survey delayed, and stated the questions have been developed. The Department needs to meet with the Company doing the survey for the wording.

Mr. Hahn stated that as far as the green power initiative goes, one alternative is to set up a separate Board subcommittee. The other alternative is to let the customer survey committee take the interest of the customers, have the customers understand what options there are, what the costs are, whether it will save money or cost money, and learn if the customers are willing to pay more.

Chairman Herlihy looked at the menus of subcommittees and felt there were some issues that were not covered by a committee, and is looking for any feedback from the other Commissioners. He also stated that anytime someone has a suggestion to bring it to the Board. He is not necessarily looking for a formally established group--just groups that would come together and report back to the Board.

Selectmen Liaison, Citizens' Advisory Board and Customer Comments

Mr. Duffy commented that the RMLD is still regarded as the top jewel of the town.

Mr. Bolger had no comment.

Mr. Norton had no comment at this time, but reserved the opportunity for further discussion.

General Manager's Report

New England Public Power Association (NEPPA) Annual Conference 2005

Mr. Cameron stated the conference will be held in 2005 Newport, Rhode Island, from Sunday, August 14 through Wednesday, August 17. He stated historically he has attended this conference, as have some of the Commissioners. He reviewed the agenda with the Board, and noted Hometown Connections is doing a presentation on BPL. He asked the Board to make a motion for the General Manager to attend, and then find out what the Board's interest is now, and follow up with the Board at the June meeting.

Mr. Pacino made a motion seconded by Ms. Kearns that the RMLD Board of Commissioners allow the General Manager to attend the NEPPA Conference on August 14 to August 17 in accordance with the General Manager's contract and Policy 19.

Chairman Herlihy stated the General Manager will report back to the Board on the Conference.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

Mr. Pacino stated that regarding the Commissioners, he is a definite. Mr. Soli stated he is tentative. Ms. Kearns stated that she is also interested.

Mr. Cameron noted the hotel rooms fill up quickly.

Mr. Pacino stated the rooms can be booked, and at the next RMLD Board meeting the formal approval can be voted.

Nominations for NEPPA Annual Awards

Mr. Cameron stated that he had no one to nominate at this time.

Reading Town Payment

Mr. Cameron stated that the Reading Town Payment this year is \$1,946,870 based on the 2004 increase in the CPI for the Boston region (Boston, Brockton, Nashua). He said that the members of the Committee for the Reading Town Payment consist of two RMLD Board Members, two CAB members, and one Reading Selectman. He noted one-half of the payment is made in July, and the remaining half in December.

Mr. Soli commented that the amount inflates no matter what.

Mr. Cameron clarified that the amount is adjusted by the CPI, so that if the CPI is negative the amount would go down, unless the Payment Subcommittee meets and changes the calculation.

Mr. Pacino expressed that he hoped the Subcommittee would meet if the payment goes down.

Mr. Bolger suggested that it would be valuable if the General Manager would come to the Town Finance Committee meeting and talk to them about the economics of the payment--how was the starting point of the payment created, and how this payment compares to other towns.

Mr. Cameron stated that the benchmark was created in 1997 after the Board struggled with how the calculation should be done. The Board formed a subcommittee, who then came up with the benchmark and calculation using the CPI.

Mr. Pacino elaborated that this Payment was a major issue when the Town of Wilmington actually took two votes to withdraw from the system, and came under the 85-121 findings. Mr. Pacino noted it is time for the General Manager and Board to meet with the Finance Committee again.

Mr. Cameron said he could get a listing of the payments to other towns, and that he does know that Reading's payment is near the top.

General Manager's Report

Reading Town Payment

Chairman Herlihy stated that Commissioner Pacino had made a good point about meeting with the Town Finance Committee, and there are some other Town Boards that the RMLD Board could meet with over the next months. He suggested meeting on the BPL issue with Cable TV and the Telecommunications Boards in Reading and other Towns where there may be an interest.

E-Mail from Citizens' Advisory Board Member, Fred Van Magness

Mr. Cameron stated that on April 26, Mr. Van Magness advised the CAB and the RMLD that he was not going to continue as the CAB's representative to Reading as of June 30, 2005.

Mr. Soli said that the CAB has one representative from Reading appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The CAB meets about 10 times a year, so if someone has interest in the Light Department to apply to the Selectmen by June 30, 2005.

Mr. Norton noted that Roger Stevenin, the CAB industrial/commercial representative from Wilmington, will also be vacating his CAB position as of June 30, 2005. He stated unless appointments are made the CAB will be down to three members, and that it is imperative that the two vacant positions be filled as soon as possible.

Mr. Cameron said that he has not yet received anything official from Mr. Stevenin.

Mr. Norton stated it is his understanding the Wilmington Town Manager is actively seeking a replacement.

Mr. Cameron and the Board members thanked Mr. Van Magness for his service over the years, and Mr. Stevenin for his service and business perspective.

Financial Report, March 31, 2005

Mr. Fournier highlighted the following items in the financials:

- A shortfall of \$658,103.01, most of which (\$613,000) can be directly attributed to the difference in the Fuel Revenues and the Fuel Expenses. He stated the RMLD always tries to have the fuel as a pass through, and for the first three months, fuel revenue came in under budget and fuel costs came in over budget.
- On the Income Statement, Base Revenue is down about 3½% (\$331,000) and when the Base Revenue figures were calculated, the Department was assuming that a couple of commercial accounts would not be using as much electricity. The effect of that can be seen in the KWH hours for the first few months, which are down 7½ million from last year, and most of that is in the commercial sector.
- Operating expenses are under budget by about \$200,000 and most of that can be attributed to the fact that some of the budgeted items have not been spent yet.
- Maintenance, Depreciation, and Payments to the Towns are on budget.
- The Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA), which is a small charge on the ratepayers invoice, is showing a revenue of \$200,000. This item was not budgeted.

RMLD Budget Variance Summary Report through March 31, 2005

Mr. Fournier referenced the Summary Page and noted the following:

- In the first three months expenses are about 1.5% over budget.
- Individual Divisions are about 4.7% under budget.
- The reason why the RMLD is over budget is related to the Purchase Power costs related to fuel.

Ms. Kearns asked Mr. Fournier about the Line Department being over budget in the Labor Accounts (55581, 5593-101, 5593-102, 5593-106).

General Manager's Report

RMLD Budget Variance Summary Report through March 31, 2005

Mr. Fournier responded the 581, Labor Miscellaneous, account is "dead" time--vacation, sick time, personal, and weather days. He noted more vacation time and more weather days contribute to this amount. In the 593-101 account, Labor Regular Maintenance, it could be a mixture of the capital versus the expense work. The 593-102, Overtime, account, Mr. Cameron explained that in one particular storm at the end of January, the entire Line Department was called in overnight.

Mr. Fournier stated the 593-106, Vehicle, account is an allocation amount, and he would have to look at the Facilities Budget, under Transportation Cost, to see what was actually expended, and the Line Department picks up a certain percentage of that.

Ms. Kearns asked for an explanation of the Station Department's Budget, account 5590-105--the budgeted amount was \$2,200 and \$5,900 was spent.

Mr. Cameron responded that he would have to look into this.

Mr. Herlihy referenced Page 4 of the Variance Report, and asked if he could assume that under Building Maintenance, Outside Services, that the roof is being reflected there?

Mr. Fournier responded yes.

RMLD Board Expense Variance, March, 2005

Mr. Fournier said the Board's budget for the year is \$7,500, and for the first three months \$30.00 has been spent.

Ms. Kearns noticed that throughout the budget that both the Regular Labor and the Overtime Labor were above budget, i.e., Engineering-over in Regular; MIS-over in OVERTIME. She asked if it were all related to storms? She thought if all the labor were put together, the labor costs would be considerably above budget, and asked if that would be correct?

Mr. Fournier stated in the Engineering Department, it could be the capital/expense mix of projects, and in MIS, it could be the same thing. He noted Ms. Kearns has brought up some good questions, and he asked the Board that if they have questions, could they be submitted to him before the meeting so that he could research the answers and come to the Board with accurate answers?

Ms. Kearns asked Mr. Fournier to look at the sub-categories to see how much overall the Department is over budget with Labor Regular and Labor Overtime.

Mr. Herlihy commented that he looks at the percentages, and when a percentage is high, a question will probably be raised on that item.

Deferred Fuel Cash Reserve

Mr. Cameron explained the Department has a Deferred Fuel Cash Reserve (DFCR) and from time-to-time, the Reserve is reviewed to see if the amount is adequate to have a stabilizing effect on what could happen with the fuel charge. He asked the Energy Service Department (ESD) to look at the DFCR with respect to the present fuel charge, which is twice as high as it was five years ago due to the price of oil, gas and the market prices in NEPOOL. He stated last year there was approximately \$2.5-\$3.0M in the DFCR. The ESD looked at the present fuel charge and did an analysis (included in the Board Book) asking if oil went to \$60-\$100, what would the Department need to carry through six months including moving the fuel charge up \$.0050 a month? He noted that although there are 58M kWh's in monthly sales, there are less kWh's that the Department buys that are susceptible to movement in the fossil fuel market because of fixed price contracts. Based on the analysis, if market prices increase 40%, the Department would need about \$1.75M to get through a six-month period. The DFCR would take the spike out of the increase. He stated the Board does not need to do anything with this. It is for information only, and further commented that the Department will manage so that at the end of the fiscal years, the target of the DFCR is \$1.75M.

General Manager's Report
Deferred Fuel Cash Reserve

Mr. Pacino noticed that the Department has gone to \$.0050, and asked if it were voted by the Board? He also asked if the \$.0050 would be a large spike?

Mr. Cameron said yes, it was voted by the Board, and responded that the Department tries not to use the \$.0050 preferring to stay at the \$.0025.

Ms. Kearns referenced the analysis and read the following: "The RMLD estimates that a 40% increase would translate into a monthly fuel expense increase of approximately \$276,000." She thought gas has in fact increased 40% over the last few years, so she, therefore, thought the Department did not need to speculate the \$276,000 and instead could use hard numbers.

Mr. Cameron explained that what happens at the gas pump and what happens in the market are different. He agreed that the cost of fuel has increased dramatically. He stated in 2000, the fuel costs were \$.025/kWh and has increased 100% over the last five years. He said what should be managed is the present fuel charge of \$.0425-\$.0450/kWh.

Ms. Kearns said that if going from \$.0025 to \$.0050/kWh got the amount to a very comfortable level, and if it's going to continue to increase, then the General Manager is saying that nothing more has to be done for the DFCR at this time, is that right?

Mr. Cameron said that is what he is saying. He stated the Department does not want to pass on a big spike to the customer. The Department needs the Reserve to ride up the spike, and the DFCR needs to be revisited to determine its proper level. He noted it's worked well in the past, and the Department does not want to hold any more of the customer's money than needed.

Mr. Soli asked if the General Manager said that the amount would be \$1.75M prior to the next fiscal year?

Mr. Cameron stated he wasn't sure if the level will be at \$1.75M by June 30, 2005, but will try to meet that date.

Chairman Herlihy asked the General Manager to explain the \$1.75M.

Mr. Cameron responded that in the past there has been a DFCR, which is a reserve that helps stabilize the fuel charge. He said the fuel charge is not hit exactly every month—sometimes it is over collected and sometimes it is under collected. He further stated that the reason for the DFCR is to make sure that when there are price increases, the increase is not passed on to the customer in one month. He said it is a fund that is held so that when there is a price spike of some magnitude, the customer doesn't see it immediately, and some of the reserve is used to ride through the spike.

Chairman Herlihy thought the money for the fund should not be collected now since fuel prices are so high.

Mr. Cameron explained that the money in this account has been there for years. He added the money was completely expended in 2001, and then it was brought back up. He said the fuel charge has been around \$.04, and that's where it should be, however, if something occurred, and it was increased to \$.05, then the Department would have money to cover the spike for a three-six month period.

Chairman Herlihy thought it was more of a question of timing, and thought the time to collect would be when there is a downturn in fuel costs.

Mr. Cameron stated the analysis actually targets a decrease in this Reserve, so the amount will be going down to the \$1.75M level. He noted the DFCR is down to \$2M as of the end of March, and a year ago it was at \$3.1M, so over the last year over \$1M has been used. Mr. Cameron is saying that between now and the end of the fiscal year, the amount will go down another \$250,000, and that level (\$1.75M) is what the Department is comfortable with in order to balance future increases.

Board Discussion

Rate Comparisons, April

Mr. Cameron stated nothing has changed much with the fuel charge at \$.0425 in April, and gave the following information:

- Residential Rate-Middleton and Peabody are 15% and 11% below the RMLD, and NSTAR, MassElectric, and Wakefield are above the RMLD.

Mr. Herlihy asked if the percentages are getting farther away from the RMLD?

Mr. Cameron stated it is the increase in the fuel charge, and then continued:

- Time-of-Use Rate-Peabody is 7% and Middleton is 11% below the RMLD.
- Commercial Rate-Only Middleton is 7.7% below the RMLD.
- Small Commercial Rate-Peabody is 12% below, Wakefield is 2% below, and Middleton is 14% below.
- Industrial Time-of-Use Rate-Only Middleton is below the RMLD at 11.3%

Mr. Hahn asked if the Department trades information about power supply portfolios. He said it appears Wakefield has a more stable Fuel Charge, which may be the result of its power supply mix.

Mr. Cameron responded that he does have that information.

E- Mail Explanation for Accounts Payable and Payroll Removal Sheets

Mr. Cameron noted these are self-explanatory.

Ms. Kearns wished to thank the General Manager for the depth and the thoroughness of the answers he provides to the questions on the payables.

Chairman Herlihy asked about the NSTAR strike. He wanted to know if it would have any effect on the RMLD's contractors.

Mr. Cameron said it should not effect the RMLD.

Chairman Herlihy announced that the Town's Hazardous Waste Pick-Up is this Saturday.

Mr. Duffy thought it was from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Chairman Herlihy said that he thought that another meeting was needed to get through the Operating Budget.

Mr. Cameron stated the Subcommittee needs to meet as soon as possible on the Operating Budget.

Chairman Herlihy wanted to talk about the Summer schedule wishes of the Board.

RMLD Board of Commissioners Subcommittee Meetings

Chairman Herlihy stated the General Manager has already alluded to the Budget Subcommittee meeting and asked if there are any other Subcommittee Meetings that need to occur?

Mr. Hahn noted that Mr. Soli, the General Manager, and he have not been able to coordinate calendars for a Rate Subcommittee meeting. He has received a very fine briefing on the current power supply portfolio that was very helpful. The Committee plans to meet before next month.

RMLD Board Rotation at Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) Meetings

Chairman Herlihy noted there is no set date for the next CAB Meeting, however, he stated that the CAB does plan to meet in June.

Mr. Norton told the Board that was correct.

Mr. Pacino will be attending the CAB Meeting in June.

Mr. Herlihy asked Ms. O'Leary to let him know the date of the meeting so he could also plan to attend.

Executive Session (General Manager's Conference Room)

At 9:00 p.m. Mr. Pacino made a motion seconded by Mr. Soli that the Board go into Executive Session to release certain Executive Session Meeting Minutes and to discuss possible strategy with regard to Salem Harbor, Locational Installed Capability (LICAP), legislation, and Verizon Poles and to return to Regular Session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

Motion carried by a polling of the Board 5:0:0.

Mr. Hahn – Aye; Mr. Soli – Aye; Ms. Kearns – Aye; Mr. Pacino – Aye; Mr. Herlihy – Aye.

Motion to Adjourn

At 10:24 p.m. Mr. Soli made a motion seconded by Mr. Pacino to adjourn the Regular Session.

Motion carried by show of hands 5:0:0.

A true copy of the RMLD Board of Commissioners minutes as approved by a majority of the Commission.

Ellen C. Kearns, Secretary
RMLD Board of Commissioners