

**Reading Municipal Light Board of Commissioners**  
**Executive Session**  
**230 Ash Street**  
**Reading, MA 01867**  
**August 26, 2009**

**Start Time of Executive Session: 9:08 p.m.**

**End Time of Executive Session: 9:40 p.m.**

**Commissioners:**

**Mary Ellen O'Neill, Chairman**

**Philip Pacino, Secretary**

**Robert Soli, Commissioner**

**Richard Hahn, Vice Chair**

**Ellen Kearns, Commissioner**

**Staff:**

**Vincent Cameron, General Manager**

**Beth Ellen Antonio, Human Resource Manager**

Chairman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:08 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2009 Executive Board Meeting**

Mr. Pacino made a motion seconded by Mr. Hahn to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of April 28, 2009 as presented.

**Motion carried 5:0:0.**

**Approval of Minutes of July 29 2009 Executive Board Meeting**

Mr. Pacino made a motion seconded by Mr. Hahn to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of July 29, 2009 as presented.

**Motion carried 5:0:0.**

**Union Negotiations**

Mr. Cameron stated that Management is prepared to start the negotiations with the three unions (ASFCME and IBEW) in the RMLD. Mr. Cameron went on to explain the strategy Management would recommend for starting negotiations.

Discussion ensued.

The sense of the Board was to go forward with negotiations with a ■■■ target for the final settlement.

**MMWEC Audit**

Mr. Cameron explained that the RMLD, along with Hingham, Danvers, Georgetown, Middleton, Littleton, and, Braintree, had sent a Demand for Arbitration to MMWEC as a result of the MMWEC Audit performed by Melanson Heath. Mr. Cameron stated that the meeting the municipalities had with MMWEC on July 18<sup>th</sup> was not productive and arbitration was the only alternative to get the billings under the MMWEC Power Sales Agreements corrected. Mr. Cameron said he is waiting for a letter from Rubin and Rudman outlining the arbitration and its possibility of success.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cameron said that he would keep the Board apprised of the progress of the MMWEC Demand for Arbitration.

**Power Supply Update**

Mr. Cameron updated the Board on the recent events relating to the Middleton Power Project. Mr. Cameron said that the Board would be receiving a feasibility study from he and Jane Parenteau by the end of August.

**254R Ash Street and Storage Options**

Mr. Cameron explained that the RMLD had come to the Board to look into the possibility of acquiring a piece of land adjacent to the RMLD offices for the purpose of consolidating its storage of inventory. Mr. Cameron said that the RMLD was very careful to determine if there were restrictions that would impact the RMLD storage needs with respect to this parcel of land. Mr. Cameron explained that the RMLD had staked out the area and found that the set backs required on the land would reduce the area of the storage area, which is less than what the RMLD required. The RMLD is recommending not proceeding any further with this proposed land purchase.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cameron told the Board that the RMLD would abandon its effort to purchase the land; however, there are other options the RMLD is exploring, including storage at the North Reading Sub Station.

**Motion to Adjourn**

At 9:40 p.m. Mr. Pacino made a motion seconded by Mr. Hahn return to Regular Session for the sole purpose adjournment.

**Motion carried 5:0:0.**

**Chairman O'Neill called for a poll of the vote:**

Chairman O'Neill, Aye; Mr. Hahn, Aye; Mr. Pacino, Aye; Ms. Kearns; Aye; and Mr. Soli Aye.

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

Philip B. Pacino, Secretary