

**Holden Board of Selectmen
Executive Session Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2009**

7:55PM

Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: Chairman Kimberly Ferguson, James Jumonville, Kenneth O'Brien, Anthony Renzoni, David White

Others Present: Brian J. Bullock, Town Manager
Elizabeth Helder, Recording Secretary

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:55PM.

1. Union Negotiations Update

The Manager provided the Board with an update on Union contract negotiations. He stated he would meet with police superiors and police rank and file on September 24, 2009 to continue the negotiation process.

The Manager updated the Board regarding ongoing union negotiations with the Light Department and DPW employees. He said he would update the Board at the end of week.

2. Town Manager Hiring Process

Chairman Ferguson said that Board members should provide further feedback regarding the Town Manager's contract to Attorney Moschos within the next 24 hours. A draft contract will be available to the Board prior to the Special Town Meeting on October 5th.

The Board discussed whether the newly hired Town Manager could fire the newly hired Light Department Manager and appoint him/herself as the new Light Department Manager. The Board discussed whether the Town Charter allows for this to happen. Sel. White said that the Board voted to separate the two positions for recruitment purposes, its policy still exists in the Town Charter. The Town Charter does not break out the HMLD as a separate entity. Chairman Ferguson said she would verify the policy with labor counsel.

3. Recess to Regular Meeting

Motion by Sel. White, seconded by Sel. Jumonville, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RECESS TO REGULAR MEETING AT 8:47PM FOR ADJOURNMENT PURPOSES ONLY. ROLL CALL: White: yes; Jumonville: yes; O'Brien: yes; Renzoni: yes; Ferguson: yes.**

Approved: _____ October 19, 2009