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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 03/27/2017

Town of Antrim—Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman John Robertson in the Little Town Hall.

Members Present: John Robertson, Michael Genest, Robert L. Edwards

Staff Present: Donna Hanson

Others Present: Brian Fogg of George Sancousy, P.E., LLC, Lori Barg and Marc Aucoin of Steels Pond Hydro

Agenda Items:

- Mr. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017. Mr. Genest seconded. Passed 3/0.
- Mr. Genest moved to approve the non-public minutes of March 13, 2017. Mr. Edwards seconded. Passed 3/0
- Board Reorganization
 - Chairman – Mike Genest
 - Planning Board – Bob Edwards
 - Selectmen's Advisory Committee – John Robertson
 - Parks & Rec Committee – Mike Genest
 - Capital Improvement Plan Committee – John Robertson
 - Water & Sewer – Bob Edwards
- Mr. Fogg reviewed the procedure for the settlement of the appeal to the Board of Land and Tax Appeal (BTLA) filed by Lori Barg of Steels Pond Hydro. The appeal was filed for a 2015 tax abatement which was denied by the Board of Selectmen. The BTLA requested that the town and Steels Pond Hydro settle the litigation by April 22, 2017. If there is no settlement, there will be a hearing before the BTLA. The town could agree to settle the appeal by entering into an agreement if Ms. Barg withdraws the appeal and settles on the appraised value for 2017, 2018 and 2019. Ms. Barg said she had requested a PILOT and would also like to have an abatement of 2015 and 2016 taxes. Ms. Hanson asked if it was acceptable to have the settlement become a PILOT agreement with the understanding that a public hearing will be needed before a decision can be made on the PILOT. Mr. Fogg said that is acceptable. Ms. Barg was told that the 2016 abatement deadline had past. After much discussion, Ms. Barg said she would agree to a settlement by dropping the appeal and entering into a 5 year PILOT agreement at 6% of adjusted gross revenue (AGR) or a minimum payment of \$10,000 per year. A public hearing will be scheduled before entering in to an agreement.

Other Business:

- Ms. Hanson informed the board that the final budget changes for the Highland Ave/Pleasant St project have been submitted to Rural Development for approval. Rural Development approval is needed before a contract can be signed with Park Construction. The changes were approved by Water & Sewer Superintendent Matt Miller and Road Agent Jim Plourde.
- Mr. Genest will ask conservation commissioner Peter Beblowski if there is any interest in having an open space sub-committee under the auspices of the Conservation Committee.
- Mr. Steve McDonald asked if there will be a public hearing on the proposed terms for an extension of the PILOT by Antrim Wind. ~The town attorney told the BOS that Antrim Wind stated that the proposed terms were not acceptable, thus a public hearing would not be fruitful.

After no further business Mr. Genest moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m., Mr. Edwards seconded. Passed 3/0

Respectfully submitted, Donna Hanson