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MINUTES – SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

Meeting convened at 4:35 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

Board members present: Chair Jeremy Roberts, Gary Bunnell, and Dylan Ford.

Others present: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

1. Discussion regarding legal proceedings in the tax appeal of TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. (executive session)

- Ms. Ford moved that the Board make a specific finding that premature public knowledge of discussion concerning the legal proceedings related to the tax appeal of TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc., in which the Town is a party, would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.
- Ms. Ford moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(E) to discuss the legal proceedings related to the tax appeal of TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc., as premature public disclosure of which would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 4:37 pm. Those present in executive session: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Ms. Ford, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 4:41 p.m.
- Ms. Ford moved to sign a Settlement Agreement in Superior Court, Caledonia Unit Civil Division Docket Nos.244-9-12 Cacv, and 245-9-12 Cacv: TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. vs. Town of Barnet; said settlement as presented in executive session and signed on March 2, 2016 by TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc., State of Vermont Assistant Attorney General William E. Griffin, and Authorized Agent for the Vermont Tax Department Mary L. Bachman. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

2. Other business

- a. Church Street excavation bill.** The Board reviewed an invoice received from Raymond Heath Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,172.50 for excavation to repair a leak in the Barnet Water System on Church Street in Barnet Village. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board instructed Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt to pay the invoice.

3. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk