

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017

- **Members Present:** George Tuthill, Chet Caron and Robert Piehler
- The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- The minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting were approved.
- **Items Reviewed and Signed**
 - Memorandum of Agreement: Wellington State Park
 - Representation Letter: Plodzik & Sanderson
 - Timber Tax: 16-005-09 Hall
 - Timber Tax: 16-005-15 Williams
 - Timber Tax: 16-005-16 Williams
 - Abatement Reply: 419-16 Vormelker
 - Abatement Reply: 415-13, 415-12-2 Masi
 - Abatement Reply: 202-43 Gonsalves
 - Abatement Reply: 407-88 Bleiler
 - Abatement Reply: 418-122 Monroe
 - Mr. Monroe expressed concerns about the abatement response; the Selectmen signed the abatement reply but are holding off a final decision pending addition research.
 - Abatement Reply: 406-96 Lakes Region Conservation Trust
 - BTLA A-9 Response to Lakes Region Conservation Trust
 - Lessee Resolution/SCBA Lease
 - Purchase Order: Northeast Tire
 - Letters: Notice of impending tax deed
- **Appointments/Department Heads**
 - National Grid/Granite State Power Link
 - Peter Kavanaugh, Hilltop Public Solutions, was present to present information about National Grid's proposed new transmission project, Granite State Power Link. Per information provided by Mr. Kavanaugh: *"As proposed, the GSPL comprises two segments: the first is a new high-voltage, direct current(HVDC) overhead line located in Vermont alongside an existing HVDC line in an expanded right-of-way corridor from the international border at Norton, VT, to a proposed converter station on National Grid-owned property in Monroe, NH. The second segment is an upgrade of an existing National Grid overhead line in NH to accommodate the additional power flow from the new HVDC line. That line runs from Monroe to southern NH, where a proposed switching station would be built."* Mr. Kavanaugh said that it would involve replacing two wires on existing towers along the existing right-of-way through Alexandria and that they estimate 2 in 10 towers would need to be replaced, the height of those towers not exceeding 80 feet. Mr. Kavanaugh answered questions regarding investors in the project, whether EMF levels would increase with the larger wires, and whether right-of-ways or easements would be expanded. Mr. Kavanaugh said that they will have an open house in Alexandria in the summer with more detailed information about the proposed project and will provide an electronic version of his presentation to be posted on the town's website.
 - Michael Cincotti, Eastman Hill Road
 - Mr. Cincotti was present to discuss the possibility of the Town taking over maintenance of Eastman Hill Road, a class VI road. The Selectmen explained that the road would first need to be brought up to Class V Road standards and then it would require a vote of the town. The Selectmen suggested Mr. Cincotti discuss the road condition with Jeff Cantara, Road Agent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Public Hearing on ratifying the 2017 voting results held immediately following this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant
