

**TOWN OF COLEBROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
& Board of Finance
Special Meeting
Friday, August 11th, 2023
4:00PM
Selectman's conference Room**

BOS Members Present:

Christopher Johnstone
Ernie Marmer

Board Members Absent:

Kate Kennedy

BOE Members Present:

Jim Millar
Kate Adams
Duncan Wilber
Todd Hiller
Dan Bielefield
Tom McKeon

Others Present

Jen LaRoque
Pat Power
D. Johnstone
C. Norton

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00PM.
2. On a motion by Duncan Wilber, seconded by Tom McKeon the minutes of the August 9th, 2023, Board of Finance Meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
3. Discuss options for resolution of the Wind Colebrook South tax appeal:
 - a. Jim Millar presented option A. Recommended a Tax Stabilation Plan that would run concurrent with Wind Colebrook South power purchase agreement retro-active to 2105. 9.29% of the total appraised value would be "personnel" property and the rest, 90.71% would remain as "Real" property.
 - b. Pat Power presented option B. Pat Power explained the WCS tax settlement proposal and stated that their proposal did not include supporting documentation. Pat suggested that the Town should consider reclassifying 9.29% of the appraised value of the Wind Colebrook South property as personnel property. Pat is under the assumption that WCS will submit their proposal to the court on the 15th of August 2023. Pat also stated that the WCS proposal would pay about \$250K less per year in taxes from what they are paying now. Pat stated that due to the difference in tax settlement proposals that it may be a good idea to hire a mediator to negotiate a settlement. Pat also explained that the mediator would charge a fee and that the cost would be split 50/50 between the Town and WCS. Pat also explained that if the mediator is not successful in negotiating a settlement that it is likely that the case would go back to a trial.

- c. On a motion by Jim Millar, to have Pat Power propose option B. to the court, seconded by Dan Bielefield, Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 4. A motion was made by Chris Johnstone to adjourn the meeting seconded by Kate Adams. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Johnstone
First Selectman

Note: Kate Kennedy arrived at 4:30pm and departed at 4:35pm.

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