

**PRELIMINARY MINUTES**

**TOWN OF LUDLOW  
SELECT BOARD**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

**Board Members Present:**

Howard Barton, Jr.  
Brett Sanderson

Bruce Schmidt  
Logan Nicoll

John Neal (absent)

**Staff Present:**

Frank Heald

**Call to Order:**

- a. Howard Barton, Jr. called the Special Meeting of Select Board to order at 8:00 am.

**Sign Warning for Town Meeting:**

- a. Howard Barton, Jr. said the Select Board is here to sign the Warning for Town Meeting.
- b. Bruce Schmidt questioned if any of the school changes will affect our budget.
- c. Frank Heald said the schools have separate warnings that will be included in our Town Report and Ludlow Elementary will be on their own.
- d. MOTION by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Logan Nicoll to approve and sign the Warning for the 2017 Town Meeting. All in favor and the motion passed.

**Other Business:**

- a. Frank Heald reported that the Route 100/103 Signal Project is moving along at a good rate of speed. He explained that there could be an issue with state owned land on Locust Hill Road, which is next to the house on the corner. He said an alternative would be to make the exit off Locust Hill a right turn only and fill in the median.
- b. Howard Barton, Jr. agreed that it would be a shame to ruin the property of the house on the corner.
- c. Frank Heald said they will have maps for the February Select Board meeting.
- d. Frank Heald said they will be using semi-smart technology vs. cycle which means that there would be some form of smart control that 24/7 off site.
- e. Howard Barton, Jr. asked if there will be cameras at the intersection.
- f. Frank Heald said yes.
- g. Howard Barton, Jr. said his concern is during the fall in September and October when the morning fog is so thick you can't see north or south. This also happens when you are driving into the sun on Route 103.

- h. Frank Heald said he believes there will be a pre-warning light
- i. Brett Sanderson said we may want to double-check to be sure.
- j. Howard Barton, Jr. said when the bridge work takes place there will also be issues at the intersection with one-way traffic and during the bridge closure.
- k. Frank Heald said there will be a pre-construction meeting on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- l. Logan Nicoll said that at the last Planning Commission meeting Ludlow Driver Solar evaded a lot of the commission's questions. He said Ludlow Driver Solar would be at the next Select Board meeting and they admitted that the town's input really doesn't matter, but they would still like to work with us.
- m. Howard Barton, Jr. said that at the Planning Commission meeting he had to remind Ludlow Driver Solar why they didn't come to the Select Board meeting because by the time they called to cancel, it was clear they had no intentions of coming. He said they evaded questions about screening and the gravel pit with its 35' rise. He said ANR is also looking into the project.
- n. Logan Nicoll said Ludlow Driver Solar did not have a presentation when they came to the Planning Commission meeting. He said he encouraged Ludlow Driver Solar to be better prepared for the Select Board meeting.
- o. Logan Nicoll said he was disappointed Ludlow Driver Solar didn't ask for input. He said it creates a rocky start to the relationship.
- p. Bruce Schmidt asked why Ludlow Driver Solar is still coming to the Select Board meeting if they don't want our input.
- q. Logan Nicoll said Ludlow Driver Solar wants to have a good relationship.
- r. Logan Nicoll said when Ludlow Driver Solar was asked about the \$0.20 KW hour, they didn't know what to say.
- s. Howard Barton, Jr. said they filed the solar project in at the last minute, and before the new laws took place.
- t. Frank Heald reported that TDI New England wants to do some boring on East Lake Road and Nelson Road in February or March before mud season. He said TDI has provided a map and they have offered to come and talk to the board. He said the bores will be 4-6 inches.
- u. Logan Nicoll asked if there is a way for us to reach out to the 10-15 towns that Ludlow Driver Solar has worked with before to see how their relationship really was.
- v. Frank Heald said this solar project is unique in that our rate payers will need to subsidize this.
- w. Howard Barton said Ludlow Driver Solar stated that all of their other projects are off the beaten path and this one is not. He said the project will be the same size as the solar projects on Cold River Road and Route 103 in Rutland.

**Adjourn:**

- a. MOTION to adjourn by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Logan Nicoll. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank  
Acting Recording Secretary

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Howard Barton Jr., Chairman

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John Neal

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Bruce Schmidt

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Brett Sanderson

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Logan Nicoll