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**Bethlehem Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Bethlehem Selectmen Office
March 28, 2016**

Present: Chairman Glavac, Selectman Staples, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Blanchard, Selectman Ubaldo.

Chairman Glavac opened the meeting at 6:02.

The Board discussed the Bethlehem Country Club committee that will be formed due to the petitioned warrant article that passed. It was discussed the deadline to request being on the committee will be 04/15/16 and the committee will have 7 members plus the Select Board liaison. It was also discussed that the committee would have 60 days to send report to the Select Board on their recommendations. Selectman Laleme said she feels committee members need basic understanding of the club. Chris McGrath asked what the next step is after the committee gives the Board their suggestions. Selectman Blanchard said it depends on what it is and the cost. Mr. McGrath asked if the committee will consider leasing or selling it and Chairman Glavac said they will consider all of that. Mr. McGrath pointed out that there are only 3 town owned golf courses left in NH.

Northern Pass: Selectman Laleme said the Select Board, Planning Board and the Conservation Commission should write a consolidated letter objecting to withholding info and objecting to the waiver to remove infrastructure and requesting the 2 year schedule. She said the Planning Board is meeting on Wednesday night to discuss it. Selectman Laleme said she could write the letter with Cheryl Jensen. Selectman Laleme moved to write the letter and submit to Board for editing and submit by 04/07/16 to SEC. Chairman Glavac seconded. Cheryl Jensen said on April 12 there will be a hearing at Loon Mtn to discuss the timetable, grouping and other 2 motions and suggested a Select Board member go. Selectman Blanchard said he would try to go. Carried 5-0.

Chairman Glavac said he would like to proceed with the economic development plan that was presented to the Board in the fall. They will be contacted to get the process started.

The Board discussed a grant that Chief Anderson is pursuing to help offset the cost of the new ambulance. Chairman Glavac moved to authorize Chief Anderson to be the point of contact for the grant paperwork and to sign any non financial documents in the application process. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed abatements. The first abatement discussed was for Map 405/058 but had a question because it is unpaid and possibly owned by the state. Tax Collector, Mary Jackson said it was over assessed so this is to correct the over assessment. Chairman Glavac said he

doesn't understand why the Board would approve an abatement for prior years when the owner didn't ask for it. Mrs. Jackson said also the people being billed for the property say they don't own it and said if the state actually owns it they are not required to pay taxes. She said she cannot find anything in the registry of deeds about who the owner is. There was discussion about how to correct the tax records when there is an error in the assessing records. The ownership on this will be researched.

The Board reviewed and abatement for Map/Lot 407/25 for \$1,605.54. Chairman Glavac moved to approve the abatement. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed an abatement for Map/Lot 406/034 for \$1064.92. Chairman Glavac moved to approve the abatement refund due to it being exempt. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed an abatement for Map/Lot 205/055 & 205/056. Chairman Glavac moved to approve the abatement due to being tax exempt. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed minutes.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve the minutes from 03/07/16 as written. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 4-0 (Selectman Ubaldo abstained).

Selectman Blanchard moved to approve the minutes from 03/17/16 as written. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 3-0 (Selectmen Ubaldo and Glavac abstained).

Chairman Glavac moved to approve the minutes from 03/21/16 as written. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

At 7:00 Chairman Glavac moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A for matters of personnel and reputation. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Chairman Glavac did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

Chairman Glavac moved to approve a fire dept. new hire at 7.25 an hour pending criminal background check. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 5-0.

At 7:39 Chairman Glavac moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 5-0.

At 7:39 Chairman Glavac moved to adjourn. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
April Hibberd