

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Public Hearing  
Approved Minutes  
April 24, 2018

This Public Hearing was posted at the Lempster Town Office, Post Office, Town website and Eagle Times.

PRESENT: Chairman Phil Tirrell, Selectman Mary Grenier, Selectman Everett Thurber and Ingrid Bjork, Administrative Assistant.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Grenier, Linda Callahan, Kevin Onnela, Rachel Tirrell, David Richards, Chief Deputy Jamie Wilson, Barbara Richards and Jim Richards.

Chairman Tirrell called the public hearing to order at 6:30 PM. A copy of the Settlement Agreement and PILOT between Lempster Wind, LLC and the Town of Lempster was available to the public. Chairman Tirrell explained that an abatement was filed by Lempster Wind, LLC for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. He discussed different scenarios that could affect the tax payers if an abatement was awarded by the judge to Lempster Wind, LLC and also if the Town of Lempster won how each year could mean the filing of a new abatement, lawsuit and legal fees. Chairman Tirrell said that Selectman Thurber was chosen by the Selectmen to be their representative in the mediation that was ordered by the court because he had been part of the process since the beginning.

Representative Jim Grenier discussed how when Lempster Wind, LLC first wanted a PILOT it would not have been feasible for the Town by the way the law was written at that time. He has since worked on having legislation changed so that a PILOT would not be financially devastating to a town.

Selectman Thurber briefly discussed the negotiation process and how the compromise was made where neither party got exactly what they wanted. A memorandum of understanding was agreed upon during mediation by both parties which resulted in the Settlement agreement and PILOT. Ms. Bjork explained how Lempster Wind, LLC was previously taxed and how the agreement of assessment ended in 2014 which led to the abatements of 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Chairman Tirrell asked the public if there was any questions and there were none. Chairman Tirrell made a motion to accept the Settlement Agreement and PILOT as written. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Selectmen signed the Settlement Agreement and PILOT between Lempster Wind, LLC and the Town of Lempster.

Chairman Tirrell made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:43 PM. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ingrid Bjork  
Administrative Assistant