TOWN OF CASTLETON SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2016 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY ROOM - 273 RT 30 N

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Combs, J. Leamy, J. Bruno, R. Spaulding, W. Potter

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Shea, See attached listing.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, J. Bruno.

PUBLIC COMMENT- WINDY HOLLOW CO-OP GRANT APPLICATION

J. Bruno addressed the audience and asked if there were any comments regarding the Windy Hollow Coop grant. He asked S. Martin to do a short review of the process for the audience.

S. Martin stated that the grant application is due on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016. They have been working on this project for 2 years now. The grant application is for monies needed to complete the purchase of the property so that it can become a Co-op. There are 44 families who would be displaced. This would create a loss of tax revenue for the town of Castleton.

A. Frazier commented that having these 44 families would really be a hardship for the families and the town if this purchase does not go thru.

P. Grasso also stated that these families want to stay in their homes in Castleton. He states that Windy Hollow is not a typical trailer park. The properties are well maintained by residents.

J. Bruno agreed that it is definitely not a trailer park, it is more of a community. He states that the Select Board will support their efforts to stay in Castleton.

J. Leamy asked if they have elected a Board for the Co-op.

S. Martin replied that they do have a Director, President, Secretary and Treasurer.

J. Bruno asked what the next hurdle in the Grant process is.

S. Martin replied that the next issue is a meeting in February in which someone from the Board needs to attend.

M. Shea replied that he would be attending that meeting.

It was suggested that the Windy Hollow citizens could write to our State Representatives regarding the importance and impact that this grant will have on them and the town of Castleton.

ADJOURN: MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully

V. Waldron

Date of Approval