

**Selectmen's Minutes
Town Hall, Town Administrator's Office, 2nd Floor**

7:30 a.m., January 8, 2018

Present: Chairman Lisa J. O'Donnell, Selectman David A. Doane, Selectman Andrew C. Spinney, Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, Town Counsel Gregg Corbo, and Selectmen's Assistant Pamela J. Witham.

After a delayed meeting start due to an unavoidable travel problem for Town Counsel, Chairman O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. in the 2nd floor office of the Town Administrator at the Town Hall, 30 Martin Street and asked if anyone wished to make a public comment. No one from the public was present to offer comment.

Subsequently, the Chairman entertained a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss the effects of past tax taking and conversion to Town conservation land on parcels that may have been encumbered with specific, third party property rights prior to Town involvement, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a) (7); and, to discuss the case of the Town of Essex vs. Allen (Nos. ESCV2002-00352, ESCV2006-00313, and ESCV2007-02096); pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a) (3). She stated the discussing these matters in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's negotiating and litigating strategies and invited Town Counsel and the Town Administrator to attend the Executive Session. She also said that the Board would only be returning to Open Session to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved and seconded. Following a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board, their Assistant, the Town Administrator, and Town Counsel moved to Executive Session at 8:35 a.m.

The Board, their Assistant, the Town Administrator, and Town Counsel returned to Open Session at 9:35 a.m.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
Andrew C. Spinney