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***Non-Public Minutes-2
Selectboard
Monday, October 22, 2018***

Selectboard members present: Brendan Denehy, Eddie Arnold, Tom Humphreys, Valerie Ogden and Ron Olsen along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

Fairpoint Settlement

Tad said for tax years 2011-2015 Fairpoint sued around 180 NH towns regarding how the towns assess the value of utility poles, conduits and rights of way. Avitar settled, on behalf of the Town, with Fairpoint in 2015 for about \$31,000. **Tad** said town counsel has informed us that Fairpoint has sued again for 2017 taxes and this time is focused solely on the assessing of the right of way. **Tad** shared a letter from **Gary Roberge**, President of Avitar, in which he says a settlement of the latest suit could be pursued for about \$3,200 and would include an agreement on the valuation approach for rights of way moving forward. **Tad** noted that **Gary** has reviewed some proposed settlement figures from Fairpoint and their proposed figure is about \$800 higher than his figure, so both parties are close. **Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to allow Avitar to pursue settlement talks with Fairpoint contingent upon involvement of town counsel in any settlement agreement, and approval of the agreement by the Selectboard; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.**

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

Brendan Denehy

Tom Humphreys

Valerie Ogden

Eddie Arnold

Ron Olsen