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SELECTBOARD**

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***Non-Public SB Minutes-4
Selectboard
Monday, November 5, 2018***

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

Fairpoint Suit

Tad said at the last Board meeting there had been review of a letter from **Gary Roberge** of Avitar recommending a potential settlement of the 2017 Fairpoint suit for \$3,190. He said he participated in a Board of Assessors meeting on Friday with both **Gary Roberge** and **Attorney Drescher** on the phone. **Gary** said that the letter contained a typo and the potential settlement figure should have been \$6,190 for 2017. **Tad** said **Drescher** has advised that settling for the higher amount is still advisable as fighting the suit would likely spend more much more money in legal and expert witness fees. **Tad** said he raised the question on Friday whether it is the Selectboard or Board of Assessors that has the authority to settle the suit. He said **Drescher** advised that it would be best for both boards to try to agree on decisions related to the case. The Selectboard agreed with the previous meeting's motion to authorize **Gary Roberge** to pursue settlement talks for 2017 and a "no suit" provision for 2018.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

Brendan Denehy

Tom Humphreys

Valerie Ogden

Eddie Arnold

Ron Olsen