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**Townshend Select Board  
Special Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2011**

**BLUE HERON HYDRO - PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**Present:**

**Select Board:** Hedy Harris; Steve Ovenden; Jeff Russ; Ryan Hockertlotz

**In Attendance:** Tom Willard; Lori Barg; Clay Turnbull; John Evans; Holly Hockertlotz; Craig Hunt

- 1. Call to Order:** Harris called the Public Informational Meeting to Order at 7:38 p.m., and welcomed Blue Heron Hydro representatives Lori Barg and Tom Willard. Lengthy discussion followed about the minimal construction footprint at the Townshend Dam; about funding sources and licensing deadlines; and about the engineering of the turbines proposed for installation within the pre-existing matrix of the dam.

Willard explained that if licensing was received by this fall, construction would begin in the spring at a cost estimated at \$3 million.

Barg anticipated that Townshend would be projected to receive revenue of about three tenths of a cent per kilowatt hour generated, or around \$10 to \$12 thousand annually.

Hockertlotz made a motion: **To have the Townshend Select Board send a letter of support for the proposed hydro-electric project at Townshend Dam to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**, seconded by Harris, and carried by those present.

- 2. Adjournment:** At 9:01 p.m., Hockertlotz made a motion: **To adjourn**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt  
Administrative assistant