

## Town of Lake Santeetlah

### Special Called Meeting Minutes (Zoom Meeting)

June 17, 2020

Mayor Jim Hager called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Council Members Roger Carlton, Keith Predmore, Diana Simon and Craig Keith were present for the meeting. Attorney Brian Gulden and Town Administrator Kim Matheson were also present. Town Clerk Emily Hooper was not available.

The first order of business was the approval of the agenda. Councilman Keith Predmore made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Roger Carlton seconded. All members were polled. The motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

**#1 Attorney Advice about Southwest Commission:** Attorney Gulden reviewed the request from the Southwest Commission. Councilmember Carlton expanded on the request as the representative from the Town Council. Carlton stressed that a commitment from Lake Santeetlah would not require a financial match unless Lake Santeetlah participated in the program for affordable housing. Carlton asked Town Attorney Gulden if he had contacted the Graham County Attorney as previously suggested to verify the concerns expressed by some members of the Town Council. Attorney Gulden stated that he had not made contact. After further discussion and shared concern Councilmember Predmore made a motion that the Lake Santeetlah Town Council not participate in the Southwest Commission Affordable Housing program. Councilmember Simon seconded. All others were polled. Councilmember Carlton opposed. The motion passed four to one.

**Motion for Closed Session:** Councilmember Predmore made a motion to move into Closed Session Pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3) and 143-318.11 (c), I move that the Town of Lake Santeetlah Town Council go into closed session to receive advice from attorney, Brian Gulden, Town of Lake Santeetlah attorney, which advice comes within the purview of the attorney client privilege. The advice will be general legal advice about legal issues or legal matters. Councilmember Carlton seconded. All other members were polled. The motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3) and North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (c), I move that the Town of Lake Santeetlah Town Council go into Closed Session to receive advice relative to the existing lawsuit presently pending: Santeetlah Trail Lawsuit. Councilmember Simon seconded. All others were polled. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council returned back to open session.

**#1 Action from Closed Session:** Councilmember Predmore made a motion to release the closed session minutes requested (March 9, 2018, October 26, 2018 and November 16, 2018). Councilmember Keith seconded. All others were polled. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business Councilmember Simon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Predmore seconded. All others were polled. The motion passed unanimously.

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Jim Hager, Mayor

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Kim Matheson, Town Administrator