

11/3/2025

HCA Committee Meeting

Present: Jo Beth Dudley, Eric Moore, Tom Dubreuil, Mike Crosby, Karel Bean, Wendy Roberts

Meeting Minutes – approved 4/14, 5/19/ 6/16, 6/30, 7/25/ 9/22 and Public Meetings on 10/4 & 10/23 – Jo Beth moved to approve all the foregoing seconded by Eric Moore. All voted in favor except Wendy abstained on the 10/23 minutes.

Tom stated we put the cart before the horse and believes we should be talking to Casella with our legal about the HCA. He also learned that Frank Casella is retiring in January and there will be a new CEO, Ned Coletta who does not agree with the money being offered in the HCA but will honor it. Tom feels that we need to act and we are going to get nothing if we keep dragging our feet and he is thinking of it for the well-being of Dalton. Casella does not have to give us anything at all. Tom does not believe that Casella is in opposition to the Town but Casella is trying to do something good for the Town. Tom disagrees to go with a different attorney but believes we should use our legal. It was explained to Tom that the committee had already discussed obtaining legal counsel that had more expertise in the area of environmental law/ agreement drafting.

Discussion had about attorneys that could provide services. Wendy had been tasked with identifying attorneys and has suggested three – Thomas Burack of Sheehan & Phinney, BCM Environmental & Land, Gallagher, Callahan & Cartrell. Wendy will provide the HCA to the attorney as well as the agreement for legal services and set up a meeting, preferably via zoom. The committee members will provide their availability to Wendy to enable her to set up the meeting.

After the attorney meeting is set, committee will schedule the next meeting.

Mike asked Tom if he was going to continue to meet and speak with Casella's group and he said he would. That is how he got the information about Frank Casella retiring.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.