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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION**

Town Office

Thursday, April 21st, 2016 7:00 p.m.

UNAPPROVED

Selectboard members present: Scott Perry-chair, Charlie Hancock-vice chair

Visitors: Joan & Bill Hildreth, Larry Letourneau, Barb Paggi, Carl Powden, Nick Richardson, Anita Woodward.

Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Review and make any changes to the agenda.** No changes were made.

2. Information on pending sales of conserved land owned by Atlas Timberlands Partnership.

Atlas Timberlands consists of a partnership between the Nature Conservancy and the Vermont Land Trust that has stood since 1997. Atlas currently owns two parcels located in Montgomery totaling 7, 355 acres of land; they are commonly referred to as the “Gibou parcel” and the “Burnt Mountain/Calavale parcel”. Carl Powden and Nick Richardson of the VT Land Trust gave a brief presentation on the history of the two Montgomery parcels and the plans for eventual sale. Carl cited that the main focus over the years concerning this land, with the existing partnership, has been to protect and maintain the woodlands by not only conserving natural resources but allowing biodiversity to flourish.

Carl indicated that as of now there are no sale dates yet as they are in the process of drafting extensive conservation easements for each parcel. The easements that will come with the sale of these parcels, to last in perpetuity, may allow for harvesting of timber, sugaring, and continued public access; however, depending upon the areas and further assessments made by ecologists the level of easement protection these habitats need may vary. Comments from the public were taken at this time and further discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Reighley