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Good Afternoon Donna,

My name is Dianne Martin and I am the Chairwoman of the Site Evaluation Committee. My assistant Lori Davis forwarded your email to me. Unfortunately, the Committee Administrator position is currently vacant, so I am responding to your inquiry regarding the meeting of the Site Evaluation Committee on November 23, 2020.

The gathering of the Site Evaluation Committee on November 23, 2020 was a public meeting pursuant to the State's Access to Governmental Records & Meetings law, RSA Chapter 91-A (aka the Right-to-Know law), rather than a hearing as part of an open docket. We have confirmed that the public meeting was lawfully noticed and held. The meeting was properly noticed under RSA 91-A, and followed the legal requirements for a lawfully held public meeting during the declared State of Emergency. Meeting notices were posted on the Committee's website and in the lobby of the Public Utilities Commission on November 17, 2020. The Committee's meeting occurred in accordance with these requirements for public notification and also for public accessibility under the Governor's emergency orders and the Right-to-Know law. The transcript of the meeting, which is posted on the Committee's website, recounts our efforts and compliance with these requirements.

That said, we understand the frustration of members of the public who have come to rely on service list notifications made in particular dockets. As a result, we are adopting a new service list which is specific to receiving notice of the Committee's public meetings, like the one held here and the annual meeting to consider the applicable fee schedule for filings with the Committee. Anyone may sign up for this service list via this by sending an email to <admin@sec.nh.gov>. We are hopeful that this will increase public awareness of Committee business outside of dockets for those interested in observing and participating in the future.

If the Town of Antrim has any legal questions, I have copied the Committee's assigned attorney-advisor from the Attorney General's Office, who may be able to assist.

Sincerely,
Dianne

Dianne Martin, Esq.
Chairwoman, Site Evaluation Committee