

Ashburnham Advisory Board Meeting
January 11, 2016
Ashburnham Public Safety Building
Training Room

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members present:

Bill Johnson, Chairman Joe Oliveira Jamie Piedrafite Gail Dumont
Bruce Whitney Allison Weissensee

Absent:

Ronald Putnam

Guests:

Doug Briggs, Town Administrator Dr. Gary Mazzola, Superintendent of Schools
Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District Sherry Kersey

Doug Briggs has requested a Reserve Fund Transfer of \$14,750 for dam inspections. Triennial dam inspections is a State of Massachusetts unfunded mandate. Lake Watatic and Lower Naukeag have been done. Upper Naukeag and Whitney Pond are scheduled for the spring. Motion to approve the transfer made by G. Dumont, seconded by B. Whitney. Unanimous.

Dr. Mazzola and S. Kersey discussed in depth the FY'17 AWRSD budget planning. Suggestions of budget guidelines, scrutinizing line items, allocating assets, developing a 5 Year Capital Plan, school choice and goals were some of the topics touched upon. Sherry also mentioned securing a grant for the pellet boiler at Overlook. This is the early stage of budget talks and they will continue leading up to the Annual Town Meeting in May.

A motion was made by B. Johnson to accept the minutes from the Special Town Meeting Advisory Board meeting on 10-27-15. Seconded by B. Whitney. Four accept. Two abstain.

A motion was made by J. Oliveira to accept the minutes from the Advisory Board meeting on 11-23-15. Seconded by B. Johnson. Four accept. Two abstain.

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Johnson, seconded by J. Oliveira. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

~Gail Dumont

