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Present: Thomas P. O’Toole, John F. Fairbanks
Absent: Nicholas A. Hay

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. O’Toole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The following warrants were reviewed and approved:

January 27, 2009	Accounts Payable	\$ 110,318.75
February 2, 2009	Accounts Payable	\$ 930,373.54
February 3, 2009	Storm Accounts Payable	\$ 62,197.16

ORDER OF TAKING – 4 LEOMINSTER STREET

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the Order of Taking of 4 Leominster Street. The parcel upon which this temporary easement is taken is shown as Parcel 56 on Assessors Map 110, described in the deed of Charles L. Smith II and Larry Streeter to JAWS Realty Trust dated June 22, 1987 and recorded in the Worcester Northern Registry of Deeds in Book 1581, Page 316. Mr. O’Toole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREE TRIMMING CONTRACT

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board sign three tree trimming contracts for emergency work related to the ice storm. Mr. O’Toole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the acceptance of an Economic Development Fund Grant in the amount of \$181,000 for the Wachusett Animal Hospital with the Department of Housing & Community Development. Mr. O’Toole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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FY 2009 SNOW & ICE DEFICIT SPENDING

Mr. Fairbanks moved that pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 31D, the Board authorize expenditures in excess of available appropriations for snow and ice removal. This authorization is effective immediately and will expire on June 30, 2009. Mr. O’Toole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the Advisory Board had also approved this request.

ADVISORY BOARD FY 2010 BUDGET

Advisory Board Chairman Vance Butterfield stated that the requested budget for FY10 is \$186,000 higher than the current fiscal year’s budget. He said the reason for the increase was increases in health insurance, retirement and pension. He noted this figure did not include cost of living increases or article requests. Both Boards agreed to schedule meetings with department heads to discuss their individual budgets starting next week.

8:28 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board meet in executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Mr. O’Toole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. It was noted that the Board would adjourn directly from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Fairbanks, Clerk
(Prepared by B. Kazan)