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Present: Nicholas A. Hay, John F. Fairbanks

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Office at Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

October 26, 2009	Payroll #27	\$ 151,890.06
	Storm Payroll #27S	\$ 4,714.44
	Accounts Payable #27	\$1,163,421.84
October 27, 2009	Deduction #27D	\$ 105,116.61
November 2, 2009	Accounts Payable #28	\$ 159,848.86
November 3, 2009	Accounts Payable Storm #28S	\$ 4,663.75
November 9, 2009	Accounts Payable #30	\$ 43,106.21
	Payroll #29	\$ 161,923.05

WINTER PARKING BAN

Chairman Hay announced that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 15th through April 15th, 10 p.m. to Sunrise.

UNEMPLOYMENT UPDATE

Chairman of the Advisory Board Ken Burstall was on hand to report that 16.64% of Westminster residents are unemployed or underemployed.

STIPENDS

The Board acknowledged a letter from the Board of Health members agreeing to forego their stipends for the second half of FY10.

It was also agreed to eliminate the stipends for the Town Moderator and Tree Warden.

TEMPORARY REORGANIZATION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that Mr. Hay be appointed as Chairman and he (Mr. Fairbanks) be appointed Vice-Chair and Clerk. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Board asked Mrs. Murphy to draft a letter to the Sr. Center Building Committee informing them to not spend any of the Article for the Sr. Center and to be aware that they are still subject to cuts in the spring.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant for December 1, 2009, as written. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CULTURAL COUNCIL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Three members of the Cultural Council are members of the Congregational Church. The Church has applied for a grant from the Council, which poses a conflict for these members.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board vote to exempt Mary Dunn, Karen Brighenti and Sandra Thibodeau with regard to the Church application. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RENEWABLE ENERGY TRUST AGREEMENT

The Board agreed to postpone the renewable Energy Trust Agreement until their next meeting scheduled for November 23 at which time they would like the Energy Advisory Committee to make recommendations.

SIMPLEX BALL FIELD AGREEMENT

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board sign a lease agreement with National Industrial Portfolio, LLC (owners of the Simplex property) for use of ball fields at their site. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

POTENTIAL DCR ACQUISITION OF LAND OFF EAST ROAD

Chairman Hay read: Pursuant to Code of Massachusetts Regulations Chapter 301 Section 50.0, et seq., I, Nicholas A. Hay, Chairman, Westminster Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Board, hereby agree to waive the 120 day notice period as required by said section, as to a parcel of land of approximately 18+- acres in the Town of Westminster, in which the Department of Conservation and Recreation is considering acquiring an interest.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the 120 day waiver as read. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

