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Present: John F. Fairbanks, Laila J. Michaud, Joseph E. Flanagan

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Office at Town Hall. Mr. Fairbanks announced that the meeting was being broadcast live and recorded by Ashburnham Westminster Community Access TV; he also confirmed with those present that no other party was taking an audio or video recording of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/MINUTES

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve the regular session minutes of September 13, 2010 as printed. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

Mr. Fairbanks stated to amend page three as follows; Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve mountain biking at Crocker Pond **on Town owned land** and authorize the Crocker Pond Committee to designate the trails **on Town owned land**.

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve the minutes of September 13, 2010 as amended. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

September 14, 2010	Deduction #15D	\$141,434.23
September 20, 2010	Accounts Payable # 17	\$441,582.44

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

The Board agreed to change their meeting time to 8 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Barry inquired about a report from the Overlay Committee. Mr. Fairbanks responded that the Committee has nothing ready at the present time.

Mr. Barry also requested a copy of the town’s insurance policy. He stated that a friend of his is being sued by a former town employee for getting hurt on his property. Mrs. Murphy stated that homeowners insurance has liability coverage if an individual gets hurt on their property. The Town’s Workers compensation covered the individual employee.

Mr. Barry stated that the homeowners insurance was not attainable as the house was under construction at the time.

Mrs. Murphy agreed to see if there was any other kind of coverage available to the Town.

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Bill Goodwin expressed appreciation for the public meeting notice box. He requested that if at all possible the Town consider relocating it over near the employee entrance and put a bench in the same area. He offered to pay for a portion of the cost.

Mr. Fairbanks asked Mrs. Murphy to check into the cost for this request but he was not in agreement to have a bench in the area. Mr. Flanagan stated he would like to hear from a grounds person. Ms. Michaud thought a bench would be okay if it was aesthetically done.

Planning Board member Mike Fortin asked to discuss an email he had sent the Selectmen earlier in the day and the response he had received from the Chairman. Mr. Fairbanks stated that he could not answer the question fully with Mr. Fortin until Chairman of the Planning Board Andy Sears emails his response to Mr. Fairbanks' inquiry.

PAYROLL CHANGE REQUEST

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve a payroll authorization request for a part time Dispatcher for the Police Department. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board appoint Richelle Brown to the Open Space Committee. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BONFIRE PERMIT

Firefighter Kyle Butterfield was on hand to request that the Board authorize Chief MacAloney to hold a Bonfire at the fire station on October 31, 2010.

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve the request to authorize Chief MacAloney to hold a Bonfire on October 31, 2010, Trick or Treat night. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE

Mrs. Murphy stated that she needs more information before discussing the Home Heating Assistance Program with the Board.

AWCATV WIRING & BUILDING PERMIT

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board waive the building and wiring permit fees for work being done to relocate the cable studio from one section of Oakmont to another. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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REQUEST TO USE CROCKER POND

Mr. Flanagan stated that a local resident has requested permission to use Crocker Pond for wedding photographs on October 9, 2010. He said that the Crocker Pond Committee is in support of this request.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the request to use Crocker Pond. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7:39 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town. It was noted that the Board would adjourn directly from executive session. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Flanagan, Clerk
(Prepared by B. Kazan)