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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.

7:02 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; further, that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town, and reconvene in open session. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/MINUTES

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve the regular session minutes of October 4, 2010, as printed. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

October 12, 2010	Accounts Payable #21	\$1,167,453.63
	Payroll #22	\$ 152,024.43
October 15, 2010	Deduction #22D	\$ 135,210.93
October 18, 2010	Accounts Payable #23	\$ 344,433.18

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Kermit Morris gave the Board a handout of a public hearing held on Wednesday, October 27, 1999 for the proposed roadway reconstruction of South Street. Mr. Fairbanks indicated that this article will possibly be part of a Special Town Meeting held in February, 2011.

Mike Fortin asked the Board if anyone from the Planning Board had requested a part time clerk position. Mrs. Murphy indicated that the Town Planner had mentioned it but that there was no formal request from the Planning Board.

CDBG GRANT APPLICATION HEARING

Shelly Hatch from MRPC was on hand to conduct a public hearing for the submission of the Community Development Block Grant. She indicated that she was not sure at this point if Hubbardston would be filing a joint application with the Town because their

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income percentages were incomplete. She said that Hubbardston was sending out an income survey and that she would know by the end of October whether or not they were eligible to participate.

She explained as it stands, the application will include a housing rehab component which presently has thirty-eight applications and senior center design services.

Ms. Hatch handed out a proposed Community Development Strategy and asked the Board to review and comment prior to the next hearing. The Board agreed to schedule their November 8th meeting to review the Community Development Strategy.

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board recess from the CDBG hearing and reconvene on November 22, 2010 at 7:10 p.m. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Board agreed to schedule Tuesday, November 30, 2010 as the date for the Special Town Meeting.

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board close acceptance of articles for the Special Town Meeting on October 25, 2010. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AMBULANCE BILL ABATEMENT REQUEST

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve the abatement of an ambulance bill in the amount of \$94 (WM10306). Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY2012 BUDGET CALL LETTER

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the Budget Call Letter as written if the Advisory Board also approves it at their meeting scheduled for October 19, 2010. He further stated that the only thing that would change would be the deadline dates if needed. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL CHANGE REQUEST

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

Mr. Flanagan asked Mrs. Murphy if she would check with the Chief to see how long a part time dispatcher is in training.

