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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. He 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 MINUTES/WARRANTS

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve the regular session minutes of March 14, 2011 as printed. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

March 15, 2011	Deduction #57D	\$ 134,468.06
March 21, 2011	Accounts Payable #58	\$ 100,700.47

SCHOOL ASSESSMENT DISCUSSION

After lengthy discussions Ms. Michaud moved that the Board support the two options proposed by Joe Flanagan:

1. Both Select Boards agree to support a switch to the Statutory Method and submit warrant articles at their perspective annual town meeting to ask the citizens to approve a gradual transition to this new method, and
2. Have warrant articles stipulate a 50-50 split for FY 2012, a 75-25 split for FY 2013 and a full implementation for FY 2014.

Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

During further discussions the Board agreed to have Chairman John Fairbanks address the Ashburnham voters at their Annual Town Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> to appeal to the voters to continue using the Regional Agreement. They further agreed to extend an invitation to Mr. Vitone to address the Westminster voters at their Annual Town Meeting.

The Board agreed if Ashburnham voted to change the assessment to the Statutory Method then the second option would revert to Joe Flanagan’s proposal.

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Ms. Michaud moved to withdraw her original motion. Mr. Flanagan withdrew his second to the motion.

Ms. Michaud then moved that the Board agree to have Chairman Fairbanks address the Ashburnham voters at their Annual Town Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. If the Ashburnham voters agreed to change to the Statutory Method then second option would be to revert back to Joe Flanagan’s proposal. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY12 BUDGET AND WARRANT REVIEW

The Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen agreed to meet on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> to review and finalize the FY 12 Budget and Warrant.

REQUEST TO DESTROY RECORDS

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board approve a letter to the Archives Division – Records Management Unit requesting the disposal of records. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACT FOR FIRE RESCUE TRUCK REFURBISHMENT

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve a contract with Bulldog Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$41,325.14 for the Fire Rescue Truck. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve a request from the First Congregational Church to hold their Easter Sunrise Service on the Town Common on April 24, 2011. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

R911 SYSTEM

The Board was in agreement with Fire Chief Brent MacAloney to pursue a better solution for the R911 system with less cost and at a fixed rate.

