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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 April 20 and April 25, 2011 as printed. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

April 27, 2011	Deduction #65D	\$142,806.07
May 2, 2011	Accounts Payable #67	\$491,085.77

PAYROLL CHANGE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve a payroll change request from the ZBA to hire a part time Recording Secretary. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CULTURAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Cultural Council Committee was on hand to update the Board on their activities. Chairman Sandi Thibodeau reported that the Cultural Council has funded fourteen events to be held this year. She also mentioned that the Council decided to self-fund a grant for ‘Westminster Theatre Day’ Beehive the 60s Musical which will be held at MWCC Theatre at the Mount on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The \$5 per person tickets will go on sale at the Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Council will fund the additional \$5 per ticket with its grant.

REVIEW ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITH ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen reviewed and assigned the May 7, 2011 Annual and Special Town meeting motions.

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APPROVE MAY 17, 2011 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant for Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Westminster Elementary School. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MR. FAIRBANKS – FAREWELL SPEECH

Mr. Fairbanks congratulated Wayne Walker for being elected Selectman. He also thanked his fellow members for their support. He also encouraged Dan Stango not to get discouraged as there are many volunteer positions available.

VISION/GOALS FOR WESTMINSTER

Mr. Fairbanks reviewed the vision and goals that were established by the Board of Selectmen in 2002.

8:18 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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