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Present: Laila J. Michaud, Joseph E. Flanagan, Wayne R. Walker

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/WARRANTS

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board approve the regular session minutes of April 30 and May 2, 2011 as printed. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor and one abstained (Mr. Walker).

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

May 9, 2011	Accounts Payable #68	\$ 23,311.31
	Payroll #69	\$169,888.74

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board reorganize and appoint Laila Michaud as Chairman, Joseph Flanagan as Vice Chair and Wayne Walker as Clerk. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

CENSUS MAP

Mrs. Murphy stated that the Town Clerk discovered a problem with the Census Map and has asked that the discussion be postponed to a later date.

TREE HEARING – SOUTH STREET PROJECT

Tree Warden Joseph Flanagan opened the Public Hearing on the South Street project by reading the following:

“Interested parties are invited to attend a public hearing on the removal of 19trees located on South Street (from Dawley Road/Carter Road to Main Street), as identified with orange ribbons and an orange paint mark on the street adjacent to the tree. All trees listed have been identified for removal as required for the Reconstructions of South Street. The public hearing is being held today, May 9, 2011 at 7 pm in the Selectmen’s Chambers, Room 205, Town Hall.”

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DPW Director Joshua Hall was on hand to discuss the plans to remove nineteen trees and the reason for this was due to site lines. He also noted that there would be thirty to forty trees being added to the project or if the abutters preferred another option, there could be a fence used instead.

Mr. Walker moved that the hearing be closed. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW PROPOSED CROCKER POND RULES & REGULATIONS

Crocker Pond Chairman Joe Macchia reviewed the proposed changes to the Crocker Pond Rules and Regulations for 2011. The Board agreed to remove item #20 (Trails designated as biking or mixed use trails may be used for pedal biking at your own risk. Bikers need to be aware of the presence of pedestrians in the area and should proceed with caution) until they go out to Crocker Pond and view the trails on May 21, 2011 at 2 p.m.

OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

Ms. Michaud announced that they had received an official complaint from William Goodwin regarding an alleged Open Meeting Law violation of the Crocker Pond Committee on May 2, 2011.

After some discussion, Mr. Walker asked that the Crocker Pond Committee respond to the complaint as prescribed under the Open Meeting Law regulations.

REVIEW MAY 17 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE

Ms. Michaud explained that at the Annual Town Meeting of May 7, the voters voted to continue with the Regional Assessment. As a result of this, it is necessary to hold a Special Town Meeting on May 17, 2011. Ms. Michaud read Article 1 “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to supplement the amount voted under Article 8 of the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting for Department 390, “K-12 Schools,” or act in relation thereto.” The Board will recommend the proposed amount of \$365,545 unless they hear differently from the School Committee who will be holding their meeting on May 10, 2011.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board agreed to hold their next meeting on Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m. They also agreed to hold the following Monday night meetings at 6 p.m.: June 6, 13, 20 and 27, and July 11, 25 and August 8, 22.

