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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Michaud called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 WARRANTS

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

November 21, 2011	Accounts Payable #30	\$434,389.71
	Payroll #31	\$163,781.06
November 23, 2011	Deduction #31D	\$145,681.98
November 28, 2011	Accounts Payable #32	\$914,317.40

TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Assessor Robin Holm was on hand to make the Assessor’s recommendation that the Board adopt a Factor of 1 in setting the FY2012 tax rate. This means that all property (residential, business and personal property) will be taxed at the same rate, as in the past.

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board adopt a Factor of 1 in setting the FY2012 tax rate. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve a Payroll Authorization for a Police Dispatcher. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GREEN COMMUNITIES DIVISION, SOLAR NET METERING DISCUSSION

Town Planner Steve Wallace explained to the Board that the Town has been receiving a number of inquiries from solar and wind companies looking to build in town and sell their excess energy to the Town. Mrs. Murphy suggested that Steve contact Kelly Brown to get the basic nuts and bolts on how to change from our present energy carrier.

Kelly Brown Regional Coordinator of the Green Communities Division gave the Board a basic overview of the solar net metering process. She explained two financial possibilities which can be used in obtaining financing when installing solar energy systems; Power Purchase Agreement or Credit Purchase Agreement. She indicated that her organization is presently working on a “How to Guidebook” which hopefully will be coming out by 2012.



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TREE REMOVAL – 46 CARTER ROAD (Continued)

Ms. Michaud stated that a representative from Verizon was supposed to come to the meeting but unfortunately this did not happen.

Craig Kovack who lives at 46 Carter Road spoke on behalf of the owner Ms. Cormier. He stated that as far as he knew, National Grid told him that they were going to take down the tree. He cited that it was dangerous to back out into the road and that their six year old son is learning to ride a bicycle and a driver might not see him if he got too close to the road.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to wait on making a decision and invite Verizon or National Grid to their next meeting on December 12, 2011.

DOG COMPLAINT RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Michaud stated that the Board received a letter from Mrs. Murphy which stated “upon consideration of the testimony offered by complainants at the hearing, subsequent testimony offered by the dog owner and her daughter, information contained in written complaints and reports provided with notice of this hearing, and recent events involving the dog Lucee, it is my recommendation that the Board of Selectmen find that the dogs Nestlee and Lucee, owned and/or harbored by Cindy Monette at 21 Old Oak Avenue are a nuisance by reason of being allowed to run at large and behave aggressively toward passersby.” Mrs. Murphy concurred with the Police Chief’s recommendation that the dogs be removed from the property and placed in a shelter or permanently removed from town.

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board approve the recommendations from the Town Administrator and Police Chief that the dogs be removed from the property and placed in a shelter or permanently removed from Town. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board approve the Updated Housing Production Plan. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne R. Walker, Clerk  
(Prepared by B. Kazan)