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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 announced that she had been notified of a video recording of the meeting being taken by another party.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you to Brian Ruland and Heather Billings who ran for Selectmen
- Ms. Michaud stated it was a privilege and honor to serve the Town and she wished her fellow Selectmen the best in leading the Town in the future.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

April 24, 2012	Deduction #65D	\$140,775.01
April 30, 2012	Accounts Payable #66	\$ 82,002.06

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve a payroll authorization request for five seasonal positions for the Parks & Recreation Program. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK FOR LAYOVER NOISE STUDY

Town Planner Stephen Wallace reviewed the proposed scope of work for the Layover study as follows:

1. Review the Noise portion of the Final Environmental Assessment for the Wachusett Extension prepared by McMahon Associates and Epsilon Associates on behalf of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the MRTA, dated September 27, 2010, and assess its compliance with the FTA’s Transit Noise and Vibration Assessment Manual, published in May 2006.
2. Work with municipal representatives to identify appropriate receptors where the consultant will collect measurements of existing noise levels surrounding the proposed MBTA layover facility.
3. Measure sound levels at an existing MBTA layover facility.
4. Review the noise mitigation measures proposed in the 60% design plans for the layover facility and evaluate their adequacy in terms of having the facility meet the MA DEP noise standards at the receptors identified under Task 2.

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5. Prepare a three-dimensional computer model that includes sources, structures and other obstacles, including terrain and appropriate receptors. This model will result in noise level projections (including tonal noise) for once the MBTA layover station is built.
6. Prepare a written report that details the analysis and results of Tasks #1 through #4 as specified above.
7. If the post-construction noise levels are projected to exceed those contained in the MA DEP's Noise Pollution Policy, then the written report shall include suggestions for noise mitigation.
8. Present the study results at a Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Mr. Wallace stated that he hopes to have a contractor in place by the end of May.

#### TOWN MEETING MOTIONS

The Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board and Town Moderator reviewed the warrant and motions were assigned.

The Board indicated that they were choosing to pass over Article #7 regarding an amendment in the Agreement between the Town of Ashburnham and Westminster as it pertains to the Ashburnham Westminster Regional School District.

Mr. Walker explained to the School Board that the Board of Selectmen specifically stated that they were not comfortable with eliminating any reference to the previous funding method (Alternative) which is contained in the agreement.

#### 7:05 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body, and to adjourn from executive session. School Department officials were invited to attend executive session. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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