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REVIEW PLANNING PRIORITIES

Town Planner Stephen Wallace reviewed the Planning Department's priorities for 2013 with the Board of Selectmen. Priorities included the following; Master Plan, Earth Removal/Fill Bylaw and Regulations, Planning Board Caseload, Economic Development Committee, Grants, and Transit Issues.

MASSDEP LETTER RE: WACHUSETT COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT

Mr. Flanagan read a letter addressed to Martin Suuberg, Regional Director of Mass DEP Central Regional Office regarding the Wachusett Commuter Rail Extension Project – Westminster Layover Facility Noise Study.

Mr. Walker moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the letter addressed to the Mass DEP Central Regional Office dated January 28, 2013 requesting a review of the finding of the noise study conducted by KM Chng Environmental, Inc. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Walker moved to schedule a Special Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at the Westminster Elementary School to authorize the expenditure of insurance proceeds for the replacement of a cruiser that was totaled in an accident and for the repair of the Fire Department ladder truck, the cost of which will exceed \$100,000. MGL Ch. 39, s.23 requires town meeting approval for the expenditure of insurance proceeds in excess of \$20,000. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve and sign the February 13, 2013 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENT/EASEMENT – 100 TOWN FARM ROAD

Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve and sign the settlement agreement with John and Diane Walters for purposes of an easement. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPT WESTMINSTER BUSINESS PARK BOND

Mr. Walker moved that the Board accept the \$125,000 Bond from Westminster Business Park pursuant to Town Counsel's review and approval. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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FY2012 AUDIT – EXIT CONFERENCE

A representative from Roselli, Clark & Associates was on hand to review the financial statements and management letter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The Town had a clean audit and was in good financial standing.

FY14 BUDGET/WARRANT DISCUSSION WITH ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory Board Chair Jim DeLisle and the BOS reviewed articles.

The board agreed to put a placeholder on the request from Ranor requesting to enter into a TIF agreement.

The Board agreed to invite the Mass Office of Business Development in to discuss TIFs at their next meeting. Ranor will be invited in at a future meeting to discuss their request.

The Board agreed that at this point, non-money articles will be considered but money articles will no longer be accepted.

The Board agreed to invite the Board of Health to come in at their next meeting to discuss the proposed article for a Community Septic Management Program (grant borrowing).

7:47 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Walker moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; further that the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; and that the Board adjourn directly from executive session. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather M. Billings, Clerk
(Prepared by B. Kazan)