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Present: Joseph E. Flanagan, Heather M. Billings
Absent: Wayne R. Walker

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

March 12, 2013	Deduction #55D	\$ 172,498.99
March 18, 2013	Accounts Payable #56	\$ 151,682.64

ELECTION WARRANTS (TOWN ELECTION, STATE PRIMARY)

Ms. Billings moved that the Board approve the Annual Election and Special State Primary Warrants. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY2014 BUDGET/WARRANT REVIEW

Mr. Flanagan made the following announcement:

“We have achieved a balanced budget that stays within the 3.5% total targeted increase, provides level services to the schools, meets the Library’s MAR, and grants a 2% COLA to non-contractual personnel. This was due largely to the \$200,000 reduction in the road article, but we also eliminated a couple of smaller articles and made a few budget reductions. Town departments have been very cooperative.”

We will have more discussion on this matter at next Monday night’s meeting.

MBTA LAYOVER DISCUSSION

Mr. Flanagan read a proposed draft letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General requesting an investigation of the MBTA Wachusett Extension Project.

The Board agreed to postpone making a decision on the draft letter until their next meeting when they will have a full Board.

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6:12 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Billings 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. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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