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Present: Wayne R. Walker, Heather M. Billings, and John F. Fairbanks

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Walker 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 taped and not broadcast live, due to technical difficulties with Ashburnham Westminster Community Access TV.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- The 26th annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Town Benefit will be held on Sunday, August 11th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Town Common.

REPRESENTATIVES FERGUSON AND ZLOTNIK

Both representatives informed the Board that the state budget will be finalized on Wednesday night. The legislature had started working on the Chapter 90 money with the hopes of releasing a number to the town sooner than in previous years and is advocating for the release of the full allotment.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/MINUTES

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the regular session minutes of July 1, 2013. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

July 16, 2013	Deduction #3D	\$ 140,342.12
July 22, 2013	Accounts Payable #5	\$ 161,897.43
July 29, 2013	Accounts Payable #6	\$ 303,225.55
	Payroll #7	\$ 172,667.57

APPOINTMENT/PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION – PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Ms. Billings moved that the Board appoint Brandon Amadon as a part-time Police Officer. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

INTERFUND BORROWING

Treasurer/Collector Melody Gallant was on hand to request the Board’s authorization to borrow internally from the general stabilization fund for two Chapter 90 reimbursable projects: \$250,250 for paving of various roads, and \$17,000 for pavement milling and cold planning.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board authorize the Treasurer/Collector to borrow from the stabilization fund for two Chapter 90 reimbursable projects totaling \$267,250. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

TOWN PLANNER – DISCUSS PROPOSED REZONING OF CHEMDESIGN PARCELS

Town Planner Steve Wallace was on hand to discuss rezoning of the ChemDesign property (Parcel 93-8, 10, 11 and 12). The parcels are currently zoned as Residential-II. He had an inquiry recently from an interested company for industrial use.

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The Board confirmed that they would like the Town Planner to pursue the rezoning of the ChemDesign parcels.

MONTY TECH OFFICIALS – STABILIZATION FUND

Monty Tech Superintendent Steve Sharek was on hand to introduce himself and update the Board on the status of school/building improvements throughout the school. He also updated the Board on the status of the school’s stabilization fund, stating that the required majority of the district communities have already voted to authorize the fund, but that he would appreciate the Board’s consideration in supporting the placement of another article on the fall town meeting warrant.

The board agreed to consult with the Advisory Board on the stabilization fund request.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT RESIGNATION

Mr. Walker announced the Board’s receipt of a letter of resignation from Town Accountant Donna Allard. He thanked her for her six years of service and wished her well.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board accept the resignation of Town Accountant Donna Allard. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6:44 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with nonunion personnel, and that the Board adjourn directly from executive session. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Fairbanks, Clerk
(Prepared by B. Kazan)