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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 broadcast live and recorded by Ashburnham Westminster Community Access TV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dedication Ceremony will be held at J.R. Briggs Elementary School in Ashburnham on Friday, September 27th at 10 A.M.
- Everyone is invited to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Senior Center which will be held on Monday, September 30th at 10 A.M. at 69 West Main Street.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/MINUTES

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the minutes of September 16, 2013 as printed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

September 23, 2013	Accounts Payable #18	\$ 139,223.43
	Payroll #19	\$ 178,061.30
September 24, 2013	Deduction #19D	\$ 161,264.93
	Deduction #19	\$ 480.00

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION – PART TIME DISPATCHER

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the Payroll Authorization for a Part Time Dispatcher. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

BOARD OF HEALTH – WEST NILE VIRUS/EEE UPDATE

Board of Health Agent Wibby Swedberg was on hand to update the Board and the community on the West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). She encouraged everyone to; use repellent, schedule outdoor events to avoid the hours between dusk and dawn when mosquitos are most active, and cover up with clothing. Also be diligent about removing areas of standing water around your home.

Mrs. Swedberg also mentioned that there is a mosquito control program which is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health. The program sets traps to monitor the areas, and also performs area spraying.

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Oakmont Athletic Director Eric Dawley was also on hand to thank Mrs. Swedberg for her efforts in educating everyone about these two diseases. Last year there were eleven games that were moved from evening events to daytime events due to the concern over the safety of the students. Having to move the games has had an impact on the athletic revenue.

Mrs. Swedberg thanked Eric Dawley for his cooperation in rescheduling these athletic events. She also mentioned if anyone in the community would like more information on mosquito borne illness go to the Town website: www.westminster-ma.gov and click on the Board of Health.

6:18 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Walker moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; further to discuss the physical condition rather than the professional competence of an individual; further that the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body; and that the Board adjourn directly from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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