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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.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/MINUTES

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the minutes of September 23, 2013 as printed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

September 30, 2013	Accounts Payable #20	\$ 377,353.22
October 1, 2013	Accounts Payable #21	\$ 896,355.60
October 7, 2013	Payroll #23	\$ 171,341.30
	Accounts Payable #22	\$ 48,506.81

BORROWING – SENIOR CENTER

Treasurer/Collector Melody Gallant was on hand to request the Board’s approval of a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1.5 million for the first phase of the Senior Center Project.

Mr. Fairbanks moved to authorize the issuance of a BAN in the amount of \$1.5 million with Greenfield Coop with an interest rate of .58%. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

BORROWING – INTERFUND (STATE AID) PAVING RTE 31

Treasurer/Collector Melody Gallant was on hand to request the Board’s approval for interfund borrowing in the amount of \$65,000 for additional paving on Route 31.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve interfund borrowing (Chapter 90) in the amount of \$65,000 for the paving on Route 31. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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APPOINTMENT/PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION – POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board appoint Brandon Amadon and approve the Payroll Authorization for a Full Time Police Officer. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT – CROCKER POND RECREATION AREA COMMITTEE

The Board agreed to delay action on the appointment to the CPRAC due to the fact they are waiting for disclosure and other forms which have been requested of the state and federal government.

CONTRACT – IDEAL FIRE PROTECTION (FIRE STATION SPRINKLER REPAIRS)

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve a contract with Ideal Fire Protection in the amount of \$13,200 (significantly less than the approved ATM Article 27 for \$20,000). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

CONTRACT – JULIE COSTELLO

Mr. Walker explained that due to the resignation of the Town Accountant they have been advertising for a full time Town Accountant but have not been successful to date.

The Board has decided to contract with Julie Costello who is a Certified Public Accountant as well as a Certified Town Accountant. Her contract is from now until December, 2013.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve and sign a contract with Julie Costello to perform accounting related services. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

FALL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board schedule the Fall Town Meeting for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Westminster Elementary School. He further moved that the warrant for the Town Meeting be opened this evening and closed on October 11, 2013. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

TRICK OR TREAT/BONFIRE

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the request from the Police Chief to hold Trick or Treating on Thursday, October 31st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. He further moved to approve the Fire Department’s request to hold the annual bonfire at 7 p.m. on October 31st. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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6:15 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 potential litigation; further that the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigating positions 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 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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