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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 recorded by Ashburnham Westminster Community Access TV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Town Elections will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29th at the Westminster Elementary School.

APPROVED MINUTES/WARRANTS

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the minutes of March 17and April 7, 2014 as printed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the minutes of March 18, 2014 as amended with the correction of one typo. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

April 9, 2014	Deduction #61DS	\$ 109.38
April 14, 2014	Accounts Payable #62	\$ 370,674.80

NATIONAL GRID/VERIZON LICENSES – SENIOR CENTER PROPERTY

Mr. Walker explained that National Grid/Verizon proposed that Board sign a license agreement to move the design stage along for the locating of the utility pole for the Senior Center project. This will allow the project to proceed while we wait for town meeting authorization to grant the easement(s).

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board vote to approve license agreements subject to final approval of Town Counsel with National Grid and Verizon regarding the location of the utility pole for the Senior Center project located at 69 West Main Street. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Board expressed concerns over the proposed pole location and asked Mrs. Murphy to contact National Grid and Verizon to request moving the proposed location.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING RESOLUTION

The School Committee is requesting the Board’s support for a resolution the Committee adopted to seek a commitment from the legislature to fund Chapter 70 school aid at \$40 per pupil and to fully fund regional transportation.

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Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board sign the letters of support. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

BOS APRIL 28, 2014 MEETING POSTPONED

The Board agreed to postpone their April 28, 2014 scheduled meeting. Their next meeting will be on Saturday, May 3 at 12:00 p.m. at the Westminster Elementary School (prior to the Annual Town Meeting).

REVIEW/ASSIGN TOWN MEETING MOTIONS

The Board reviewed and assigned motions for the Special and Annual Town Meetings being held on May 3, 2014.

6:26 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 unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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