

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

#### CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Billings called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Westminster Elementary School. She announced that the meeting was being recorded by Ashburnham Westminster Community Access TV.

#### APPROVED MINUTES/WARRANTS

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the minutes of July 28, 2014 with amendments to page 3, paragraph 7 (Attorney Mizhir representing 64 Main Street Realty). Also to add 'whose property is zoned commercial. The motion was not seconded and passed over.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

July 28, 2014	Deduction #06C	\$ 174,090.51
August 4, 2014	Accounts Payable #07A	\$ 2,065,924.46
August 11, 2014	Accounts Payable #08A	\$ 106,254.48
	Payroll #08B	\$ 175,544.91
	Deduction #08C	\$ 156,217.59

#### CONTRACTS ~ LIBRARY

Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve the amended contracts for the purchase of library material and supplies for; Baker & Taylor, Inc. (\$25,000), Midwest Tape, LLC (\$24,000) and Ingram Library Services, Inc. (\$25,000). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### CONTRACT ~ KURT LESLIE

Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve the contract with Kurt Leslie from Hubbardston to mark the timber in an area of Hager Park and the Rambler area for forest management (not to exceed \$3,000). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### POLICE TRAINING GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Walker moved that the Board execute and submit the annual State 911 grant in the amount of \$10,000 which will be used for training Emergency Dispatchers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### TENTATIVE BOS MEETING

The Board decided to tentatively schedule a meeting for 6 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014. This matter will be taken up at the next BOS meeting.

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5:40 P.M. RECESS

6:00 RECONVENE ~ PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING WITH DPW ON PROPOSED SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

DPW Commissioners Lorraine Emerson, Vance Butterfield and Scott Ryder were on hand to present their proposed sewer improvement project plans.

Public Works Commissioner Vance Butterfield presented a power point presentation of Phase A of the sewer improvement project. He reviewed several alternatives with the audience and stated that the Public Works Commissioners were recommending Alternative #4 to fund the construction of an in-line storage system along Route 2A to store and control wastewater flows during peak periods. The project includes the Whitman River pump station upgrade and I+I mitigation. The Commissioners believe this is the most cost effective alternative. Total cost for project would be \$2.5M. Engineering is complete except updates. Project is eligible for USDA funding. Also allows for Phase 1, 2 and 5 of the CWMP. No accurate projection on future town growth. This supports the Economic Development Committee needs and recommendations from the Master Plan Committee. This allows for commercial and industrial development to increase tax base. This will affect the current IMA (Inter Municipal Agreement) with Fitchburg.

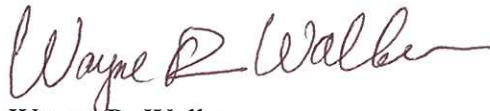
The DPW Commissioners recommended that funding for their designated Alternative #4 should be 85% of the cost assessed to all taxpayers and 15% of the cost assessed only to sewer users. The tax implications were estimated as follows: for all taxpayers (85% of project cost) \$8.49 per \$100K of property valuation (average property valuation is \$230K). Annual average cost for taxpayers would be approximately \$19.53 (85%). For sewer users an additional annual cost of \$16.66 (15%).

It was also noted that the town is eligible for a grant from the USDA that could cover up to 30% of the total project cost. A one-time fee of \$25K is required to initiate the USDA grant application process.

A second public hearing for the DPW Sewer Project is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at the Westminster Elementary School.

7:25 P.M. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne R. Walker

Clerk

(Prepared by B. Kazan)