

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

CALL TO ORDER

H. Billings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Senior/Community Center. She announced that the meeting was being recorded by Ashburnham/Westminster Community Access TV.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

W. Walker made a motion to reorganize the Board of Selectmen as follows:

John F. Fairbanks – Chair

Wayne R. Walker – Vice Chair

Heather M. Billings – Clerk

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements at this time.

APPROVALS

MINUTES

W. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

May 6, 2015	Accounts Payable 46A	\$ 45,478.67
May 6, 2015	Payroll 46B	\$ 172,616.58
May 11, 2015	Accounts Payable 47A	\$35,464.85

APPOINTMENTS

Cultural Council

W. Walker made a motion to appoint Celia Burgess and Patricia Gendron to the vacant positions on the Cultural Council. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Economic Development Commission

W. Walker made a motion to appoint Eric Callahan to the vacant position on the Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

CONTRACT – ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The Board will take this issue up at the May 18, 2015 meeting, upon receipt of a completed agreement from Town Counsel.

EXTENSION OF ARTICLES

DPW – EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM

W. Walker made a motion to extend Article 27 of the May 5, 2012 Annual Town Meeting for one year, pursuant to Town Bylaws 28-7. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR – ONLINE MAPPING SERVICES

W. Walker made a motion to extend Article 22 of the May 5, 2012 Annual Town Meeting for one year, pursuant to Town Bylaws 28-7. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

HEARINGS/OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER BUILDING USE

The Board of Selectmen opened the meeting for discussion regarding the Senior/Community Center. Westminster citizens, as well as Council on Aging and Circle of Artists representatives were present at the meeting.

The Board presented their concerns regarding the use of the building and would like to see the Council on Aging and Senior Center move in first, and get acclimated to the new facility before it opens after hours for other uses.

Discussion continued regarding the potential move in date of the Council on Aging and also the dates for a grand opening. Those present voiced their concerns regarding security of the building, potential uses, policies and procedures, staffing, fee schedule for use and custodial needs of the Senior/Community Center.

The Board of Selectmen will be discussing the formation of a Community/Senior Center Building Use Committee to assist the creation of rules and regulations for the new facility at the May 18th Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE TO AMERICAN LEGION – NON-RENEWAL OF ANNUAL BUILDING USE AGREEMENT

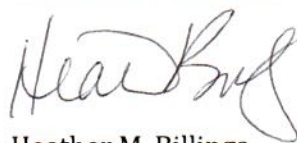
W. Walker made a motion to formally request that the Legion allow the Town to continue use of the building on a month to month basis, until further notice. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session needed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.



Heather M. Billings

Clerk

(Prepared by S. Lahtinen)

May 11, 2015 BoS Meeting Exhibits:

5/11/15 Meeting Agenda

4/27/15 Meeting Minutes

5/11/15 Town Administrators Report

Warrants: 46A, 46B, 47A

Cultural Council Letters of Interest

Economic Development Committee Letter of Interest

DRAFT Animal Control Services Contract

Letter re: Circle of Artists from Virginia Krul