

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

CALL TO ORDER

H. Billings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Office at Town Hall. She announced that the meeting was being recorded by Ashburnham/Westminster Community Access TV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

H. Billings indicated that there is a vacancy on the Home Heating Assistance Committee. H. Billings also announced that the April 13, 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting has been cancelled, the next meeting will be held on Monday April 27, 2015.

APPROVALS

MINUTES

W. Walker and J. Fairbanks indicated there should be clarification added to the minutes in the sections referencing the funding for the school budget and also the OPEB Trust Fund. W. Walker moved that the Board approve the minutes of March 30, 2015 as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

April 6, 2015	Accounts Payable 42A	\$ 3,168,120.82
April 6, 2015	Payroll #42B	\$ 167,992.53

CONTRACT RENEWAL – TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

W. Walker made a motion to approve the Town Administrator’s five-year contract as negotiated. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

Stephen Hemman presented the draft Regional School District Agreement (RAAC) amendments to the Board of Selectmen. S. Hemman indicated that a Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) was formed in order to discuss and update this document. The Committee has been working on edits to this regional agreement in order to clarify its intention, bring it up to date, and address issues brought forth by member towns.

S. Hemman reviewed the various sections of the document and discussed the changes the RAAC proposed for each individual section.

The Board discussed the alterations being made with the committee members that were present.

J. Fairbanks suggested that the school committee representation for each town should correlate with the population of the towns.

H. Billings requested clarification in the wording under Section VI regarding the Statutory Method, in order to more clearly state its intent.

It was the consensus of the Board and Committee that the agreement should be consistent throughout and should be clear on its intent, in order to ensure ease of use in the future.

ONGOING BUSINESS

FINALIZE MAY 2, 2015 TOWN MEETING WARRANTS

The Board reviewed the May 2, 2015 Special and Annual Town Meeting warrants.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON WARRANT ARTICLES

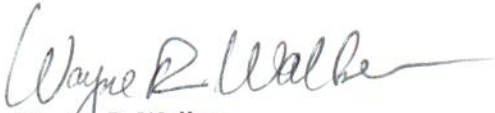
The Board unanimously recommended the warrant articles presented, with the exception of Article 26, regarding the design and construction of Bathrick Road for \$803,072. The Selectmen and Advisory Board did not recommend this article because it has not been included in the Five Year Capital Plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session needed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



Wayne R. Walker
Clerk
(Prepared by S. Lahtinen)

April 6, 2015 BoS Meeting Exhibits:

4/6/15 Meeting Agenda

3/30/15 Meeting Minutes

4/6/15 Town Administrators Report

Town Administrator Budget

Town Administrator Contract

Regional School District Agreement Amendments

Town Warrant Articles

MART correspondence

Building Permit Activity

Home Heating Assistance Committee - Resignation