

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

CALL TO ORDER

J. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in room 205 of the Town Hall. He announced that the meeting was being recorded by Ashburnham/Westminster Community Access TV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. Fairbanks announced that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday July 20, 2015.

APPROVALS

MINUTES

W. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2015. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

W. Walker made a motion to approve the following warrants.

June 25, 2015	Accounts Payable 54A	\$214,001.17
	Accounts Payable 54B	\$177,964.07
July 6, 2015	Deduction 54C	\$157,636.09
	Accounts Payable 55A	\$56,581.55
	Accounts Payable 16-01A	\$2,112,755.99

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

FIRE TRUCK BAN RENEWAL

K. Murphy read the first renewal of the Bond Anticipation Note for a town fire truck. The bond is with the Greenfield Cooperative Bank for \$330,000.00 at an interest rate of .53%. The first payment will be made in FY2016 for an amount of \$110,000.

W. Walker made a motion to approve the Bond Anticipation Note, in an amount of \$330,000.00 for an interest rate of .53%. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATIONS – PARKS AND RECREATION

W. Walker made a motion to authorize the promotion of two Summer Recreation Program employees on the payroll. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION - LIBRARY

W. Walker made a motion to authorize the hiring of Mary Ann McGee as part time Library Aide. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

REAPPOINTMENT – HISTORICAL COMMISSION

W. Walker made a motion to reappoint Roni Beal to the Historical Commission for a 3 year term. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

HEARINGS/OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NET METERING AGREEMENT

Doug Hurley of the Energy Advisory Committee attended the meeting to explain the options available to Westminster in regards to using net metering to offset the electric cost for the town.

D. Hurley indicated that there are currently two solar developers interested in contracting their net metering credits to the town of Westminster, at a rate that would significantly lower the town's electric bills. The contracts are each for a 20 year term with the town.

The Board and D. Hurley discussed the two offers that have been received. The Board requested that Mr. Hurley get references from each of the solar developers they have been negotiating with. Mr. Hurley indicated that he intends to return at the July 20th Board meeting to further discuss and explain the options available to Westminster.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN GOALS

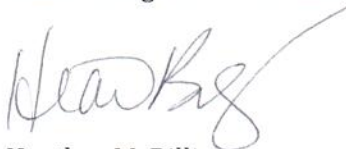
J. Fairbanks presented a draft list of goals for the Board for the upcoming year. The Board discussed a variety of options and prioritized the list.

W. Walker made a motion to accept the following list as the Board of Selectmen goals for FY2016. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Goal Description</u>
1	Sewer Expansion
2	Establish Master Plan Implementation Committee
3	Establish Charter Review Committee
4	Evaluate Town IT function
5	Finalize Old Town Hall Disposition
6	Establish OPEB Trust Account
7	Westminster Cracker Factory
8	Develop Town Recreation Park (ask Parks/Rec to make priority; touch base this fall)
9	Evaluate Conversion to Paid-Time-Off System
10	65/35 Medical Insurance Split

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Heather M. Billings
Clerk
(Prepared by S. Lahtinen)

July 6, 2015 BoS Meeting Exhibits:

7/6/15 Meeting Agenda

6/22/15 Meeting Minutes

7/6/15 Town Administrators Report

Warrants

Payroll Authorizations – Parks and Rec, Library Aide

Fire Truck BAN Renewal

Reappointment, Roni Beal Historical Commission

BOS Priorities List