

Members Present: Wayne R. Walker, Heather M. Billings, James A. DeLisle

Others Present: Mark Hawke, Stephanie Lahtinen

CALL TO ORDER

W. Walker 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 and broadcast live by Ashburnham/Westminster Community Access TV.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so via Comcast Channel 9 or Live Streamed via the www.AWcaTV.org. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVALS

WARRANTS

H. Billings made a motion to approve the following warrants:

Accounts Payable	20-45A 4/9/2020	\$57,524.44
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The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2020

H. Billings made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

POSTPONE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The chosen dates are in keeping with the Town's historic schedule of holding the election the Tuesday prior to Town Meeting. We hope that these dates will allow enough time for things to return to a state of normalcy in order to gain attendance at the election and Town Meeting. Finally, another special act of the legislature has greatly expanded the ability to early/absentee vote which will be publicized via our mailing and Code Red call.

W. Walker moved that pursuant to section 1 of chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020 and because of the state of emergency declared by the Governor and subsequent orders closing certain workplaces and the prohibition on gatherings of more than 10 people through May 18, 2020, the annual town election scheduled for April 28, 2020 be postponed and rescheduled to June 16, 2020. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

H. Billings moved that in accordance with MGL Ch39 s9, and because of the state of emergency declared by the Governor and subsequent orders closing certain workplaces and the prohibition on gatherings of more than 10 people through May 18, 2020, the annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 2, 2020 be delayed until June 20, 2020. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT

H. Billings made a motion to approve and post the Annual Town Election warrant, to be held on Tuesday June 16, 2020 from 7:00am-8:00pm at the Westminster Elementary School. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

FINALIZE MAY 2, 2020 DRAFT SPECIAL AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANTS

The Board reviewed the warrants and articles, the Board voted unanimously in favor of all the articles except Article 16 for crack sealing at the basketball courts. The Board requested further information on the need for sealing and will take this up at the next meeting.

REVISE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Due to the postponement of the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election, the Board will meet on the following Mondays at 6:00 pm

- May 18
- June 1
- June 15

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

James A. DeLisle, Clerk

(Prepared by S. Lahtinen)