

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

Others Present: Karen Murphy, Stephanie Lahtinen, Kevin Nivala

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 by Ashburnham/Westminster Community Access TV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. DeLisle announced that the 29th Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Town Benefit will be taking place Sunday August 14th on Academy Hill from 11:00am – 5:00 pm.

APPROVALS

WARRANTS

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

August 4, 2016	Accounts Payable 17-05A	\$41,830.07
August 10, 2016	Payroll 17-06B	\$191,396.68
August 11, 2016	Deduction 17-16C	\$168,394.78

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2016

J. DeLisle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 25, 2016. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION – PART TIME DISPATCHER

H. Billings made a motion to hire Kevin McCarthy as part time dispatcher. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY UNION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

H. Billings made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Highway Union for FY2017-2019. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT – ELECTION OFFICIALS

H. Billings made a motion to appoint the following as Election Officials through August 15, 2017:

Valerie Antoniac	Karen Brighenti	Celia Burgess
Claudette Casey	Theresa Grenier	Marybeth Haley-Cormier
Gloria Hughes	Constance Kotoski	Joan Longcope
Laila Michaud	Barbara Parsons	Kathy Pelullo
Nancy Sides	Sandy Thibodeau	Susan Yraola
Albert Hughes	Cynthia Hastings-Brutvan	

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

H. Billings made a motion to execute the Warrant for the September 8, 2016 State Primary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

LIBRARY CONTRACTS

H. Billings made a motion to approve the annual library contracts with Ingram Library Services, Inc. and Midwest Tape. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MONTY TECH REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES

The Board of Selectmen is in receipt of a request from Sheila Harrity, Superintendent of Monty Tech, to waive the building permit fees for the new Veterinary Technician building planned for construction at the school.

The Board discussed this, and indicated they would like to receive input from Ross Barber, the town's representative to the Monty Tech School Committee.

HEARINGS/OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NET METERING UPDATE

Doug Hurley discussed the current status of the net metering projects being reviewed by the EAC. He indicated that as of the September 17, 2015 Special Town Meeting, the company that the town was originally going to purchase net metering credits from had gone out of business. Since that time, the EAC has been negotiating a rate for net metering credits from Kearsarge. Kearsarge would offer net metering credits to the town at 15-17% less per kilowatt hour than the National Grid price.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

W. Walker moved that the board enter into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss non-union personnel contract negotiations, pending litigation and, ambulance receivables (HIPAA sensitive information) and that the chairman declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the town's litigating position. H. Billings seconded the motion. Mr. Walker indicated that the meeting would adjourn directly following Executive Session. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned directly from executive session at 7:20 p.m.

James A. DeLisle, Clerk
(Prepared by S. Lahtinen)