

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

Others Present: Karen Murphy, Stephanie Lahtinen, Robin Holm, Doneen Durling, Gardner News

CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

H. Billings announced that the DPW Commission has voted to lift the sewer moratorium in Westminster, the sewer inline storage system project and pump station upgrades have been completed.

There is a vacancy on the Ashburnham Westminster School Committee due to a resignation. Letters of interest from residents of Ashburnham are being accepted by the School Committee through December 29th.

APPROVALS

WARRANTS

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

11/27/2017	Accounts Payable 18-21A	\$1,474,998.93
	Payroll 18-22B	\$200,767.05
	Deduction 18-22C	\$187,009.16

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2017

W. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2017. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

CULTURAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

W. Walker made a motion to appoint Linda McClenahan to the Cultural Council, filling a vacancy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

HEARINGS/OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

FY2018 TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Robin Holm indicated that the Board of Assessors recommends that the Board of Selectmen adopt a residential factor of one (1).

W. Walker made a motion to accept a residential factor of one (1), which will result in all classes (residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property) being taxed at the same rate in FY2018 and to authorize the Assessors to signify the Board of Selectmen's approval electronically if required. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – LANDFILL EXPANSION

W. Walker made a motion to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Westminster, City of Fitchburg and Resource Control, Inc. related to the expansion of the landfill and land transfers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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