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Present: Joseph E. Flanagan, Wayne R. Walker, and Heather M. Billings

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall. He announced that the meeting was being broadcast live and recorded by Ashburnham Westminster Community Access TV. He also noted that Kerry O'Brien from the Gardner News was recording the meeting.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/MINUTES

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board approve the minutes for January 7, 2013 with the following amendments; page 3, paragraph 4 last sentence change 'a noise study' to 'noise mitigation', paragraph 5, first sentence change 'if a noise study is required and build a wall' to 'the recommended wall' and page 4, third paragraph, change the word 'agreed' to 'asked'. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Billings moved that the Board approve the minutes for January 28, 2013 with the following amendments; page 2, last paragraph, second sentence, ad 'subject to the approval of the appropriate departments.' Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

February 12, 2013	Deduction #49D	\$ 156,068.47
February 19, 2013	Accounts Payable #50	\$ 72,550.33
February 25, 2013	Accounts Payable #52	\$1,186,940.03
	Payroll #51	\$ 187,854.68
February 26, 2013	Deduction #51D	\$ 167,982.20

APPOINTMENTS - COUNCIL ON AGING

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board appoint Jessica Rollins Mercier to the Council on Aging. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH MASS TECH COLLABORATIVE (MASS BROADBAND)

Mr. Walker moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the side letter to Point of Interconnection (POI) license agreement with Massachusetts Technology Collaborative granting the Town an additional \$5,000 for the installation of a generator for Town Hall which will also provide emergency backup power for the POI. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER

Mr. Walker moved that the Board refer to the Advisory Board the request for transfer from reserve fund in the amount of \$10,000 for the installation of a generator at Town Hall. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Walker moved that the Board accept a letter of resignation from Officer Daniel Donahue and approve the payroll authorization form in connection with the resignation. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY2013 DEFICIT SPENDING AUTHORIZATION – SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Mr. Walker moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the FY2013 deficit spending authorization memo. "Pursuant to MA General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 31D, we hereby authorize expenditures in excess of available appropriations for snow and ice removal. This authorization is effective immediately and will expire on June 30, 2013." Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY2014 BUDGET/WARRANT REVIEW

The Board reviewed Articles #38 through 45. The Board agreed to wait until they received feedback from Town Counsel on Article #40 (Earth Removal Bylaw). On Article #43 (Temporary Repairs to Private Ways) the BOS agreed to discuss with DPW at their next meeting. On Article #44 and 45 (Designation of intersections in memory of Veterans killed in action), the BOS would like recommendations from the Memorial Committee.

Town Planner Steve Wallace requested one more article be added for the adoption of an official road map. The BOS agreed to include this article and asked that it be put in writing.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT – MBTA LAYOVER STATION

Mr. Flanagan explained that he sent the MBTA the revised version of the Planning Board's recommendation late in the day today.

The BOS thanked the Planning Board for all their hard work in the preparation of the report but felt it best not to act on the recommendations tonight and give the MBTA two weeks or until the next BOS meeting to respond.

The Planning Board presented slide 20 of their presentation. Bud Taylor, Planning Board Chairman explained that the report indicates there is a lack of economic benefits for the layover station.

7:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Walker moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; further that the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; and that the Board adjourn directly from executive session. Ms. Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather M. Billings, Clerk (Prepared by B. Kazan)