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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Billings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall. She announced that the meeting was being recorded by Ashburnham Westminster Community Access TV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•Congratulations to Andy Devoll for completing Fire Academy

APPROVED MINUTES/WARRANTS

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the minutes of July 14, 2014 with minor amendments regarding the Public Works Commission presentation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

July 21, 2014	Accounts Payable #05A	\$ 82,782.19
*	Deduction #05C	\$147,869.38
July 28, 2014	Accounts Payable #06A	\$ 98,179.99
2. 350 	Payroll #06B	\$185,224.88

APPOINTMENTS:

VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICER

Mr. Walker moved that the Board appoint Tom Maeder as Veterans' Services Officer. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ELECTION OFFICIALS AND BOARD OF REGISTRAR

Mr. Walker moved that the Board appoint the following individuals as Election Officials for a term effective until August 15, 2015:

Ellen Sheehan	MaryBeth Haley-Cormier
Theresa Grenier	Kathy Pelullo
Laila Michaud	Claudette Casey
Albert Hughes	Brenda Codding
Gilbert Parks	Joan Parks
Susan Yraola	Constance Kotoski
Gloria Hughes	Barbara Parsons
Nancy Slauenwhite	

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker moved that the Board appoint Kenneth Marien as Registrar for a term effective until June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATIONS:

PART TIME VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICER ~ Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve the payroll authorization for a part time Veterans' Services Officer. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

POLICE DISPATCHER ~ Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve a payroll authorization for a part time per diem Police Department Dispatcher. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PART TIME CEMETERY WORKER ~ Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve a payroll authorization for a part time laborer (replacement) for the Cemetery Department. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT

Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve and sign the State Primary Election warrant for elections being held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 7 am to 8 pm at the Westminster Elementary School. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ELECTION WARRANT ~ COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER

Mr. Walker moved that the Board schedule and sign the warrant for a special election to be held at the Westminster Elementary School from 7 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 for the purpose of voting on a proposed debt exclusion for the borrowing of an additional \$250,000 for the construction of the new Community/Senior Center. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO EXTEND ARTICLES

Ms. Billings explained that the Board has received a request from the School Business Administrator to extend two capital warrant articles approved at the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting; Article 33 for Overlook roof repairs in the amount of \$3,806 and Article 34 for Meetinghouse School generator in the amount of \$36,000.

Mr. Walker moved that the Board approve the request from the School Business Administrator to extend the two articles requested for an additional year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to a scheduling conflict the Board agreed to cancel their August 25, 2014. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting for Monday, August 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Westminster Elementary School (Prior to the DPW Information Meeting on the proposed sewer project.)

MRPC PRESENTATION OF DRAFT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Ms. Billings explained that MRPC received a grant to update the region's Hazard Mitigation Plan. They have been working with the Town Planner and Public Safety Departments to complete the update and are here to present the draft to the Board.

MRPC Principal Planner Sam Lawton was on hand to review a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He explained that the five year plan update is required by FEMA and MEMA under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. He requested that the Board of Selectmen review the plan, and submit their comments/changes by August 11th if possible.

Town Planner Steve Wallace mentioned that he and Joshua Hall met with MEMA and they have identified a viable area at Wyman Pond and Route 140 because of the persistent flooding that occurs in that area.

PUBLIC HEARING ~ CUMBERLAND FARMS AMEND UNDERGROUND GASOLINE STORAGE LICENSE

Ms. Billings opened the hearing and explained that Cumberland Farms is requesting an additional 8,000 gallons of gasoline storage, which would bring them to the original 40,000 requested in their initial application.

Cumberland Farms Attorney Phil Lombardo explained to the Board that they originally had requested 40,000 gallons of storage (8,000 of diesel and 32,000 gallons of gasoline). It was Cumberland Farms' understanding that when the license was issued that the Board of Selectmen had approved the storage of 40,000 gallons of gasoline. Upon receiving the approved license (issued on January 13, 2014) it indicated only storage for 32,000 gallons of gasoline. The reasons for the request to amend the license were that; deliveries would be limited, need to meet peak season demands, and there would be no additional impact on traffic flow.

Attorney Mizhir (representing 64 Main Street Realty Trust) stated that it was his opinion that the additional storage was not needed and that a new traffic study would be needed based on this request.

Attorney Lombardo responded that they had originally applied for storage for 40,000 gallons (not storage for 32,000 gallons). The additional storage of 8,000 gallons is needed to meet the customers' needs at peak season. The traffic study has nothing to do with the amount of gallons of storage \sim it is based on the fuel dispensers and size of the store (not gallons of fuel).

Fire Chief Kevin Nivala stated he had reviewed the plans and they meet with the current standard and regulations and has given his approval.

Mr. Walker explained that the Board had declined the diesel fuel from the initial application out of the concerns expressed by citizens of the Town.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve the amended Underground Gasoline Storage License to store flammable/combustible materials in underground storage tanks (Amend from 32,000 to 40,000 gallons of gasoline) at 68 Main Street, Westminster, MA Map 100, Parcels 94 & 95.

Ms. Billings explained that she was not in support of approving the amendment as she was not in support of granting a permit the last time the Board took a vote.

Mr. Fairbanks amended his motion to include 'all previous restrictions remain the same'. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor and one opposed (Ms. Billings).

6:55 P.M. ADJOURN

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jame & Walken

Wayne R. Walker

Clerk

(Prepared by B. Kazan)