

**Members Present:** Heather M. Billings, James A DeLisle, Salvatore J. Albert Jr.

**Others Present:** Stephanie Lahtinen, Tamie Chiarelli, Police Chief Ralph LeBlanc, M.L. Altobelli and Sheryl Valliette.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

J. DeLisle called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM in room 205 of the Town Hall. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and broadcast live by Ashburnham/Westminster Community Access TV.

## **APPROVALS**

### WARRANTS

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

Accounts Payable	#22-05A	8/2/21	\$1,608,378.62
Payroll	#22-05B	8/4/21	\$232,393.97

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2021

S. Albert made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### APPOINTMENTS

S. Albert made a motion to approve the following appointments and re-appointment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Appointment to the Agricultural Commission (alternate) - Sheryl Valette through June 30, 2024

Appointment to the Energy Advisory Committee - Isaiah Grigos through June 30, 2024

Re-appointment as Representative to the Montachusett Opportunity Council -

Kelley Prendergast through June 30, 2023

### FIRE UNION CONTRACT & SIDE LETTER

S. Albert made a motion to approve and sign the bargaining agreement and side letter between the Town of Westminster and the Local 4911 Full time Firefighters Union effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### HIGHWAY UNION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

S. Albert made a motion to approve and sign the bargaining agreement MOA with IUE-CWA, Local 154-136B Highway Union, effective August 2, 2021 – June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PARKS & REC UPDATES – POLICE CHIEF:

Police Chief Ralph LeBlanc was present at the meeting and discussed an application for a grant for body cameras for the police officers. He also discussed upcoming potential police reform bills at the state level and how that could possibly impact the staffing and academy training.

Chief LeBlanc is attending the Capital Planning meeting, Wed, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the funding of the field projects, potential funding sources and phasing ability and uses of the fields on Colony Road. He indicated that the Parks & Rec Dept intends to survey school age families, as well as other residents to see what their recreation needs/wants would be.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM

Heather M. Billings, Clerk  
*(Prepared by T. Chiarelli)*