

Town of Westminster – Select Board Meeting Minutes – Monday November 1, 2021

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

Others Present: Stephanie Lahtinen, Tamie Chiarelli

Chief Ralph LeBlanc, Melissa Banks, Carol Urban, John Fairbanks, Keith Harding

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 #22-18A 11/01/2021 \$289,025.87

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2021:

S. Albert made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2022 HOLIDAY LIST:

S. Albert made a motion to approve the 2022 Holiday List. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE:

H. Billings made a motion to appoint John Fairbanks to the Emergency Home Heating Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW AND POST NOVEMBER 16, 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT:

S. Albert made a motion to approve and post the Special Town Meeting Warrant, to be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:30 PM at the Westminster Elementary School. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

K. Harding reported on the Select Board's request for Capital Planning Committee to meet on October 20th regarding Article #8 (engineering study by Parks & Recreation). It was the consensus of the Capital Planning members that they needed more information on the grant and from the Treasurer to do more research on this issue before voting on this article. This article was withdrawn from the warrant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

S. Albert motioned to move that the Board vote to enter into executive session pursuant to MGL C.30A, S.21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that the Board adjourn after executive session. The motion was seconded and J. DeLisle declared that to continue in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town. J. DeLisle took a roll call vote and the Board entered into executive session at 5:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned directly from Executive Session at 5:53 PM

Heather M. Billings, Clerk

(Prepared by T. Chiarelli)

Meeting Exhibits: Select Board Meeting Packet 11/1/2021