

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

Others Present: Karen Murphy, Stephanie Lahtinen, Melody Smith, Steve Wallace, Keith Harding, 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 and the Gardner News.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVALS

WARRANTS

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

11/30/2017	Accounts Payable 18-22A	\$54,351.77
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The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2017

W. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2017. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION – CONSERVATION AGENT

W. Walker made a motion to hire Matthew Marro as part time Conservation Agent, effective January 1, 2018. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

W. Walker made a motion to accept the 2018 Holiday Schedule as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

HEARINGS/OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

ANNUAL TAX TITLE REVIEW

Melody Smith, Treasurer/Collector and Steve Wallace, Town Planner updated the Board on the current properties in town that are under tax title. The properties on this list range from vacant locations, owner unknown properties, properties where the owner has a valid payment agreement, foreclosures and land court cases.

M. Smith indicated that Land Court has been very successful in motivating homeowners to pay back taxes, and that she will be asking for another article at the next Annual Town Meeting to pay for the legal and filing fees associated with Land Court.

The Board discussed the list of properties in tax title as well as the value associated with the unpaid taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

ENDORSE FILING AND ENACTMENT OF “AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTMINSTER TO ACQUIRE STATE FOREST LAND TO BE USED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL SERVICES”

W. Walker made a motion to endorse the proposed act authorizing the Town of Westminster to acquire State Forest land to be used for the continuation of Solid Waste Management and Disposal services as authorized under Article 7 of the November 28, 2017 Special Town Meeting. The proposed act will be forwarded to our state legislators to be filed for enactment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2018 LICENSE RENEWALS

W. Walker made a motion to approve the following license renewals for 2018:

Common Victualler	Serio Brothers, Inc. dba Westminster Pharmacy
Common Victualler	Leominster Donuts, Inc. Db a Dunkin Donuts
Common Victualler	Douglas E. Hicks VFW Grill
Common Victualler	McNally's West, Inc. dba Blueprint
Common Victualler	New England Restaurant Association dba The Old Mill Restaurant
Common Victualler	Westminster Country Club
Common Victualler	McNallys Grille & Pub
Common Victualler	Eurest Dining At Tyco F & S
Common Victualler	Stefanos' House of Pizza
Common Victualler	Kay's Dairy Bar
Common Victualler	The Woods of Westminster
Common Victualler	The Angler Fish Market & Chowder Co., Inc.
Common Victualler	Green Tea
Common Victualler	Leominster Donuts, Inc. Db a Dunkin Donuts
Common Victualler	The Narrows Bed & Breakfast
Common Victualler	Cumberland Farms
Amusements	McNally's West, Inc. dba Blueprint
Class II	North Atlantic Trading Co.
Class II	dba Albert's Used Cars
Class II	Westminster Collision
Class III	dba Albert's Used Cars

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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