

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

Others Present: Karen Murphy, Stephanie Lahtinen, Keith Harding, John Bowen, Marcia Sharkey, Relay for Life; Fred Confalone, Waste Management

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVALS

WARRANTS

J. DeLisle made a motion to approve the following warrants.

02/24/2018 Accounts Payable 36A \$106,552.04

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2018

W. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

RELAY FOR LIFE – LIGHT THE TOWN PURPLE

Marcia Sharkey was present to request the use of the Town Common for the second annual Light the Town Purple event to kick off celebrations prior to the Relay for Life in Gardner. M. Sharkey indicated that there would be purple bows tied on town buildings leading up to the Relay as well as purple lights on the gazebo. This year the chorus from Westminster Elementary will be singing at the celebration and there will be speeches from residents involved with the Relay and affected by cancer.

W. Walker made a motion to approve the use of the Town Common for the Light the Town Purple event on May 10th at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

FY19 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

W. Walker made a motion to accept the Health Insurance plan design changes as presented at the last Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW DRAFT ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANTS

The Board read and reviewed the draft warrant articles for the May 5, 2018 Special and Annual Town Meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

H. Billings moved that the board enter into Executive Session at 6:29 p.m. pursuant to MGL C. 30A, s. 21 (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, as related to the proposed acquisition of state forest land for the expansion of the landfill, and to declare that to continue in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town, and that the Board adjourn directly from Executive Session. W. Walker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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