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Present: Thomas P. O’Toole, Nicholas A. Hay, John F. Fairbanks

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. O’Toole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The following warrants were reviewed and approved:

April 13, 2009	Accounts Payable	\$ 310,953.56
	Payroll	\$ 154,811.10

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve and sign the warrant for the Annual Town Elections on April 28, 2009. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Fairbanks moved to remove Article #35 (School override) from the ATM Warrant. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board accept and sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as amended by the previous vote. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Hay moved that the Board accept and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant as written. Mr. Fairbanks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ASIAN LONG-HORNED BEETLE FORUM

Donna Brownell requested that the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board approve the insertion of a letter into the Advisory Board’s Annual Town Meeting booklet regarding the informational forum being held on May 14th with guest speaker Clint McFarland, Federal Program Director – Asian Longhorned Beetle Eradication Program. The Selectmen agreed with Mrs. Brownell’s request but stated that they would not endorse any requests in the future. Mr. O’Toole stated that the only reason the Board of Selectmen were in agreement is they wanted Clint McFarland to come to Westminster again to get the information out.

The Advisory Board agreed to meet later in the week to vote on Mrs. Brownell’s request.

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ANSAR ENERGY LLC – SOLAR FARM

Westminster Business Park owner Bob Hakala introduced Junaid Yasin, President of Ansar Energy to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Yasin explained that Westminster Business Park is one of seven or eight sites his company is considering. They are in the process of developing plans to construct a number of solar farms across the state that will cumulatively produce 100 MW of power in Massachusetts. He is currently working with the owners of Westminster Business Park to lease 35 to 40 acres of the park for a 6 MW plant in Westminster.

The Board members expressed their support for the project.

WESTMINSTER BUSINESS PARK – PERMIT EXTENSION

Chuck Scott of CFS Engineering was on hand to request that the Board extend the Westminster Business Park earth removal permit to June, 2010. He stated that all concerns of Tetra-Tech and Bob Maki of the Conservation Commission have been addressed.

Mr. Hay moved that the Board approve the extension of the Westminster Business Park earth removal permit to June 30, 2010.

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board accept the guidelines outlining the duties of the Energy Advisory Committee. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:19 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hay moved that the Board meet in executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Mr. Fairbanks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. It was noted that the Board would adjourn directly from executive session.

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Fairbanks, Clerk
(Prepared by B. Kazan)