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Present: Laila J. Michaud, Joseph E. Flanagan

Absent: John Fairbanks

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Michaud called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Office at Town Hall. Ms. Michaud announced that the meeting was being broadcast live and recorded by Ashburnham Westminister Community Access TV; she also confirmed with those present that no other party was taking an audio or video recording of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES / WARRANTS**

Joe Flanagan moved that the Board accept the minutes of July 26, 2010 and August 2, 2010 as printed. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe Flanagan moved that the Board accept the following warrants for payment and place them on file. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

8/3/2010	Quinn Payroll	#7B	30,140.75
8/5/2010	Deduction Warrant	#7D	\$173,468.98
8/9/2010	Accounts Payable	#8	29,331.52

**HEARINGS / OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS**

Board of Health Presentation

Board of Health Agent, Wibby Swedberg, and Pat Glover presented an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to the Board. It was obtained through a grant for the Emergency Dispensing Site and will be mounted on the wall on the first floor of Town Hall. They will work with the Fire Department to train Town Hall employees in its use. They also informed the Board of their receipt of \$3,550.00 insurance reimbursement for conducting the H1N1 flu clinics. They expect another check for the same amount will be forthcoming. Ms. Michaud thanked them for their efforts and asked that they come before the Board to discuss the Emergency Dispensing Site at another time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Old Town Hall Reuse

Joe Flanagan moved to pass over this until all members of the Board can be present. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Donation for Repairs to Old Town Hall

Betsy Hannula secured a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Montachusett Society for the Preservation of Historic Buildings for repairs to the Old Town Hall. Initially,

Mrs. Hannula had hoped to use the grant money to repair the roof on the portico, but since that work was done at no cost, she suggested that the check be used to repair some of the broken window frames at Old Town Hall. Ms. Michaud thanked Betsy for her initiative. Joe Flanagan moved to accept the check. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously. The responsibility of the maintenance of the building was briefly discussed.

#### Meeting Schedule

The 2010 – 2011 calendar will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### Waiver of a Building Permit for project at Oakmont High School

Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant in conjunction with Town of Ashburnham is placing a 16.6 Kw photo voltaic project at Oakmont High School. Because the project will physically be located in Westminster, building permits are required from this town. Stan Herriot of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant has requested a waiver for the building and wiring permit fees. Joe Flanagan moved to waive the permit fees for this project, noting that it is the general policy of the Board to waive fees for municipal projects and that the project will benefit both towns. The motion was seconded by Laila Michaud and passed unanimously.

#### Upton Building Deed

Betsy Hannula has requested that the Board schedule the signing of the deed for the Upton Building for the first Selectmen's meeting in September.

#### Dog Complaint Follow-up

A letter from Animal Control Officer, Eula Bradley, advised the Board that "Dozer" the dog owned by Thomas Williams of 137 Narrows Road is being properly restrained on a tie-out area. This was in response to the findings from the Board of Selectmen's hearing on July 12, 2010 when the Board determined that "Dozer" was a public nuisance by reason of being allowed to run at large and behave aggressively toward passersby.

### **7:33 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Laila Michaud moved that the Board enter into executive session to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining; further, that an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town, and that the Board would adjourn directly from executive session. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned from executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Joseph E. Flanagan, Clerk  
(prepared by S. Kalagher)