Present: John F. Fairbanks, Laila J. Michaud, Joseph E. Flanagan

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/MINUTES

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve the regular session minutes of January 3, 2011 as printed. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

January 5, 2011	Accounts Payable #42	\$429,155.21
	Deduction #41D	\$153,571.92

ROUTE 140 NORTH REPORT

Brad Harris, George Snow and Brian Doherty of the MRPC were on hand to present a report on the results of the Route 140 Task Force meetings. Mr. Harris explained that the targeted area is the traffic and flooding of Route 140 near Gatehouse and Mile Hill Roads and the Route 140/2A intersection. Mr. Harris also explained that the next steps were to schedule a meeting with Mass Department of Transportation, the Town develop a project needs book, and then submit an application to Mass DOT.

In the meantime, the Board agreed to meet with the DPW within the next three months to start planning.

COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board approve the Common Victualler license for Eurest Dining at Tyco. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SIGNATORY AUTHORIZATION

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board authorize the Chief of Police Sam Albert to be the signatory authority for the Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communications Center Support and Incentive Grant. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF VOTE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board officially ratify a vote made in executive session on January 3 to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Police Union. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SELECTMEN REPRESENTATION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board appoint Ms. Michaud as their representative on the Affordable Housing Committee. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION - PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board agreed to eliminate the public comment period for future agendas. They stated that the intended purpose for which they agreed to have a public comment period has unfortunately not been served. Board said that any of the members can be contacted via email or home phone should anyone wish to discuss any concerns.

7:47 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; further, that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town, and to 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 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Flanagan, Clerk (Prepared by B. Kazan)