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:

January 20, 2009	Accounts Payable	\$ 286,199.81
	Payroll	\$ 158,035.24
January 21, 2009	Storm Accounts Payable	\$ 35,626.57
January 23, 2009	Deductions	\$ 105,293.42
January 26, 2009	Accounts Payable	\$ 470,182.17

AMERICAN DREAM DOWN-PAYMENT INITIATIVE

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board sign a letter of intent for the Town to participate in the American Dream Down-Payment Initiative Program. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL CHANGE REQUEST

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board approve a payroll authorization request to return the Local Inspector position to part time status.

GIS SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board sign a contract with Cartographic Associates, Inc. for GIS services. Mr. Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

250th ANNIVERSARY DONATION

Mr. O'Toole announced that on behalf of the Board, they would like to thank David Crowley and family for their donation to the 250th Anniversary Committee.

WESTMINSTER ANIMAL HOSPITAL – REQUEST FOR TIF

Mark Ransom of the Westminster Animal Hospital requested that the Board of Selectmen consider granting him a Tax Increment Financing agreement for the animal hospital.

The Board requested that he meet with the Board of Assessors, and IDC to discuss his request and meet back with the Board of Selectmen before the annual town meeting in May.

COA APPOINTMENT

Mr. Hay moved that the Board appoint Janet Lauricella to the COA. Mr. Fairbanks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board requested that the COA consider meeting after 5 pm or on Saturday mornings and also encouraged new people to join the COA.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Members of the COA were on hand to meet with the Board to discuss current and proposed future activities at the Senior Center.

COA Chairman Neysa Miller said that at present the COA is limited to only one activity at a time due to space limitations at the center. Mr. O'Toole suggested that the COA schedule some of their activities in meeting rooms of various town buildings.

COA Director Susan Fisher said the COA is sending out a questionnaire to all seniors to get ideas on how they can better serve the seniors and recruit more participation.

MIT CYCLING TEAM

Eric Edlund from the MIT Cycling Team requested that the Board approve a two day cycling race scheduled for April 18 & 19. He stated that would be approximately 300 to 400 cyclists participating.

The Board approved the request for the cycling race on April 18 & 19.

ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT

The Board requested that Chief Albert get a figure for the proposed contract with the Town of Ashburnham for a shared Animal Control Officer.

LEINO PARK WATER DISTRICT LEGISLATION

The Board of Selectmen agreed to support the filing of legislation authorizing the Leino Park Water District to accept responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the Leino Park Bridge.

ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE

The Board of Selectmen asked Mrs. Murphy to invite a representative of DCR to attend their next meeting to address the concerns of the residents regarding the wood chips from trees in Worcester that were infested with Asian Longhorned Beetle larvae being brought to Pinetree Power for disposal.

8:07 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board meet in executive session to discuss the physical condition of an employee. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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