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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 November 1, 2010, as printed. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

November 8, 2010	Payroll #27	\$157,136.84
	Accounts Payable #28	\$ 27,055.49

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REVIEW

The Board reviewed the November 30, 2010, Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles. After lengthy discussions the only change was an item in Article #1 for the update of R911 in the amount of \$2,500. The Board agreed to all other articles as printed.

ICE STORM REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Flanagan moved that the Board approve a MEMA Ice Storm reimbursement request for repairs to the library fence in the amount of \$1,296. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AMBULANCE

Chief MacAloney was on hand to explain that the ambulance has a paint problem and the warranty on the vehicle was almost up. He explained that the ambulance would be out of service for two weeks. The loss in revenue for the ambulance to be out of commission would be 4% of revenue or approximately \$14,000.

The Chief explained that he had researched the possibility of renting an ambulance but found it to be a long process and recommended borrowing from another municipality which would be more economical and an easier process. The Chief also recommended offering some compensation for the use. Mrs. Murphy said she spoke with the Town’s attorney who said if the Town goes with another municipality’s ambulance an inter-municipal agreement would be required.

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Chief MacAloney said he was working with another community to see if this would be feasible.

The Board of Selectmen agreed with his recommendation.

8:05 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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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