

**TOWN OF WESTMINSTER**  
**SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**January 6, 2016**

Members Present Select Board: Sheldon Beebe (Chair); Paul Banik (Vice Chair); Craig Allen (Clerk);  
Toby Young, Nancy Dalzell

Others Present: Russell Hodgkins (Town Manager / Planning & Zoning Administrator), Karen  
Astley (Recording Clerk); Ali Bigwood (Town Clerk/Treasurer); FACTV

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Sheldon Beebe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced newest  
Selectboard member Nancy Dalzell.

**2. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:** Russ announced that the agenda items were numbered incorrectly  
and there were five items.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Discussions/Action):**

Russ explained the reason for the special meeting was to pre-warn the articles for the posting of the  
Warning for Town Meeting. The board will have another opportunity to discuss "Town" articles on  
January 13<sup>th</sup>. Petitions are due January 14<sup>th</sup>. The Town Clerk and Assistant have two days to process  
petitions, January 19 is the deadline and added to the Town Warning. Once all Articles are typed up Russ  
will obtain signatures from the board.

**A. Discussion of Articles for Town Meeting:**

Articles 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11 and 12 are accepted as written.

Article 6 and 7 are to be removed from the Warning for Annual Meeting. There was discussion  
relative to the "communities" being able to have a say on whether or not to sell or keep the WW and  
NW community buildings. Both buildings currently do not meet fire and safety codes. They currently  
are a liability for the Town by allowing people to use them. Both buildings will require money to  
bring them up to code.

Through extensive debate it was agreed by the board to close the buildings to public access, warn  
public hearings in February to allow the residents to speak before the board with regard to interest in  
the buildings. Once input has been heard the Selectboard will move forward.

Article 8 to read: To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will vote to purchase a parcel of  
land (1.7 acres) and dwelling located next to the Town hall on the south side off US Route 5 in  
Westminster for the purpose of supplying the town with additional parking, storage and office space  
for local organizations at a sum \$224,200.00.

Article 10, taxation of renewable energy was removed from warning.

Articles 3 was tabled for further clarification. Russ to consult with legal counsel for the appropriate  
language and come back to the board at the next regular scheduled meeting of January 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Discussion ensued that the term of payment should be in the article as well as "not to exceed"  
payment amount.

**4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** January 13, 2016.

**5. ADJOURNMENT: Toby Young made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Craig Allen seconded  
and the motion passed.**

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Signature of Clerk

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Date

Prepared by: Karen Astley, Recording Clerk