

**JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.
TRAINING ROOM AT PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

- I. SALUTE THE FLAG
- II. SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT (5 minute limit)
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Review of the Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, March 28th in the Gym at Oakmont
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Approval of the Town Election Warrant for posting
 - B. “Purple Heart Town” Proclamation
 - C. Approval of letter to Rep. Zlotnik regarding Local Veterans Agents
 - D. Review and approval of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles
- VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE
- VIII APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. January 20, 2015 Minutes – Regular Meeting
 - B. February 12, 2015 Minutes – Special Meeting
 - C. February 17, 2015 Minutes – Regular Meeting
 - D. March 16, 2015 Minutes – Joint Meeting with Advisory Board
- IX BOS CORRESPONDENCE
- X APRIL MEETINGS and EVENTS
 - Wednesday – 4/8 – 5:00 p.m. – Board of Assessors – Assessors Level – Town Hall
 - Tuesday – 4/14 – 6:00 p.m. – Water/Sewer Commission – Lower Level – Town Hall
- XI ANNOUNCEMENTS
- XII SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT (5 minute limit)
- XIII EXECUTIVE SESSION
- XIV ADJOURNMENT

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- A. Review of the Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, March 28th in the Gym at Oakmont
Steve Coswell, Chair of the 250th Committee stated that the event was very well attended with many children enjoying the activities.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Town Election Warrant for posting
The Annual Town Election is on Tuesday, April 28th, polls open at 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at J.R. Briggs Elementary School in the Gym.
- B. “Purple Heart Town” Proclamation
We received a request on March 17th from Leo David Agnew, the Department Commander Massachusetts Military Order of the Purple Heart, Combat Wounded. He is requesting that a proclamation be drafted by the Selectmen honoring all veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice and shed their blood in all wars from Ashburnham. The proclamation is attached.
- C. Approval of letter to Rep. Zlotnik regarding Local Veterans Agents
Thomas Maeder, Veterans Services Officer for the Town of Westminster, and Ashburnham as of July 1, 2015, has requested that the Selectmen send a letter to our Representative voicing their opposition to HD1590, “An Act relative to Veterans’ Agents”, which would basically eliminate the long-standing tradition of caring for our veterans locally.
- D. Review and approval of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles
The Boards will review the proposed articles for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Oakmont.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. January 20, 2015 Minutes – Regular Meeting – as draft
- B. February 12, 2015 Minutes – Special Meeting – as draft
- C. March 2, 2015 Minutes – Regular Meeting
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XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Clerk Reminders:

- January 1st and on – Open registration of voters at the Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 32 Main Street, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday.
- April 8th Wednesday – Final Registration for the Town Election – at Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- April 14th Tuesday – Final Registration for the Annual Town Meeting – at Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- April 27th Monday – at 12:00 noon – last day to file applications for absentee ballots for voters who will be out of town for the Town Election.
- April 28th Tuesday – Town Election – Polls open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. at the John R. Briggs Elementary School Gym, 96 Williams Road.
- May 5th Tuesday – Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Oakmont Regional High School Auditorium, 9 Oakmont Drive.
- Dog licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Fees are \$10.00 for altered dogs and \$15.00 for unaltered dogs. Please bring in current rabies certificate. If licensing by mail, please include check, rabies certificate and a self-addressed envelope and mail to Town Clerk's Office, 32 Main Street, Ashburnham. Also, online payments can be made for dog licenses RENEWALS ONLY. Please call the Town Clerk's office FIRST at 978-827-4100 ext. 3 to verify that a valid rabies certificate is on file, complete the information online and the dog license will be mailed.

The next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Training Room at the Public Safety Building.

XII. SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT (5 minute limit)

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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