Present: Phil Landine
Barry Nadon, Selectman
Al Collings
Johanna Barry, Executive Secretary
Tom Schnare
Marie Arsenault, Accountant
Diane Vayda
Nicole Allen
Jack Tivnan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Al Collings at 6:31 p.m.

Jack Tivnan made a motion to accept the minutes of September 24, 2008 as presented. Diane Vayda seconded the motion. Voted 6-0 to approve the minutes.

Review Fleet Account: Al said there is an article on the warrant to take $275,000.00 from the Fleet Account and put in Fire Truck Stabilization. The Fleet Account is still functional at this time and there is no more money funded at this time. The Fire Truck quote shows an increase of $650.00. Selectmen have suggested waiting until November to purchase or take any action on the truck.

Review proposed Town Meeting Articles:

Article 1: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $5,000.00 for Tax Tittle expenses. Motion to approve: Jack Tivnan. Seconded: Nicole Allen. Voted 6-0 to approve.

Article 2: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $5,000.00 for GASB45 Post Employee Benefits. Motion to approve: Tom Schnare. Seconded: Al Collings. Voted 6-0 to approve.

Article 3: Transfer the sume of $615.32 from the Water Surplus Account to the Water Department Salaries Account. Motion to approve: Phil Landine. Seconded: Al Collings. Voted 6-0 to approve.

Article 4: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $4,500.00 to complete a Revaluation. Motion to approve: Nicole Allen. Seconded: Diane Vayda. Voted 6-0 to approve.

Article 5: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $10,000.00 to be used as matching funds for the recently received Federal 319 Grant; which will address stormwater issues on Wickaboag Valley Road. Motion to approve: Jack Tivnan. Seconded: Nicole Allen. Voted 6-0 to approve.
Article 6: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $179,507.00 to be used in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90, such sums of money to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. Motion to approve: Jack Tivnan. Seconded: Tom Schnare. Vote 6-0 to approve.

Article 7: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be placed in the “Repairs to Private Ways Account” to pay for repairs to private ways within West Brookfield pursuant to M.G.L. C 40 S 6N, the repairs to include road materials and related labor expenses only, and further, that all repairs made to private ways will be completed in strict adherence to all applicable state laws. Deferred until we get a figure.

Article 8: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be placed into the “Town Road Maintenance Account.”

Article 9: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be placed in the “Road Reconstruction Account.” Motion to pass over Article 8 and Article 9: Tom Schnare. Seconded by Jack Tivnan. Voted 6-0 to pass over both articles.

Article 10: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of $38,000.00 in the “Town Building Maintenance Account.” Motion to approve $38,000.00: Jack Tivnan. Seconded: Tom Schnare. Vote 6-0 to approve.

Article 11: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $15,000.00 to replace the existing pump at the Town fuel tank, with a controlled access/monitored pump. Hold until next meeting for more information.

Article 12: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $7,500.00 to purchase five (5) sets of turn out gear. Motion to approve: Jack Tivnan. Seconded: Phil Landine. Vote 5 to approve, 1 abstain.

Article 13: Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, the real property shown on Assessor’s Map 53, Block 85, located on 20 White Birch Drive, consisting of approximately .24 acres, as a gift from Susan W. Gagne, said land to be used for general municipal purposes, or to do anything in relation. Motion to approve: Jack Tivnan. Seconded: Tom Schnare. Vote to approve 6-0.

Article 14: Transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $5,000.00 to be used for activities in West Brookfield for the 350th Anniversary of the Quaboag
Plantation in 2010. Motion to approve: Tom Schnare. Seconded Al Collings. Vote to approve 6-0.

**Article 15:** Vote to amend Section 4.1 of the Zoning Bylaw (Dimensional Requirements-Basic Requirements) by adding the following phrase to the end of the sentence: “and except as provided in Section 9 of the Open Space Residential Bylaw.” Motion to approve: Tom Schnare. Seconded: Jack Tivnan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**Article 16:** Transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $75,000.00 to be placed in the Reserve Fund to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6 of the General Laws known as the Reserve Fund. Motion to approve: Diane Vayda. Seconded: Tom Schnare. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**Article 17:** Vote to establish a new “Fire Truck Stabilization Account” per MGL C40 s5(b). Motion to approve: Jack Tivnan. Seconded: Nicole Allen. Voted 6-0 to approve.

**Article 18:** Transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $275,000.00 from the “Fleet Capital Account” to the Fire Truck Stabilization Account.” Motion to approve: Diane Vayda. Seconded: Nicole Allen. Voted 6-0 to approve.

**Review Expense Projections:** Al Collings prepared a forecast. He is forecasting a deficit of $362,072.00 to begin with and with an adjustment in state revenues this figure could go to $800 to $900,000.00. Phil Landine suggested “Why not put a freeze on spending from this point on.” This is up to selectmen to do this. A suggestion was made to call in Department Heads monthly.

**WB School Counts:** Students have not been found. Suggestion to send out Police Department and a Registrar to find, ask School Committee members, call in interim superintendent and registrars (November 3rd meeting). This is up to selectmen. **Correction:** Diane Vayda stated she is going to begin to attend the School Budget Subcommittee meetings this month.

**Next meeting will be October 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Special Town Meeting at the Elementary School.**

Motion to adjourn by Jack Tivnan at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Nicole Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary