The meeting was called to order by Chair Al Collings at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes: Diane Vayda made a motion to accept the minutes of February 9, 2011. Roy Roberts second. Vote 3 to 2 abstain to accept the minutes as presented.

Budget #37 Board of Health: John Frizzell and Jason Paquette were present to answer questions. Al Collings asked if there were any articles on the warrant and the answer was no. Al Collings asked if there were any pressures on the budget and where might there be issues. The first half of the year is about the same as last year. Tom Schnare asked how do our fees compare with other towns in the area and the answer was they are compatible.

Budget #35 Landfill: John Frizzell invited members of the Advisory Committee to a Board of Health meeting next Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7 p.m. for a presentation of a possible solar farm at the landfill.

Budget #45 Lake Wickaboag: At this time Al Collings recused himself as he has been working with the Lake Association and the Board of Health on the dredging project. John Frizzell said many studies have been done since 1975 and these studies reflected that the Lake needs to be dredged. About two years ago, John Frizzell filled out forms for stimulus money but at that time we were not “shovel ready.” Last summer we had an RFP and selected Apex Company. A Lake Wickaboag Dredging Prospectus booklet was presented to the Advisory Committee. Al Collings said that the first phase will cost $100,000.00 and grant money is not available for this. Al said $18,000.00 has been collected and a local resident said he would match up to $50,000.00. Another resident is going to donate $5,000.00 and the Lake Association $5,000.00. They will try to get others to donate to try to get up to the match. The second segment will cost $125,000.00. It was suggested that the Board of Health add $10,000.00 to their budget probably in the fall. Mary Beth Czaja stated that if the filling in of the lake continues, water front properties will not hold their value. Al Collings said that they would be looking for grants to fund the project. Apex Company was picked because they excel in getting grants and funding for their clients. Diane Vayda asked if the Town was supportive and the answer was that they have been with funding weed and algae management for the lake and also the 319 Grants. John Frizzell said the Town may want to purchase a parcel
of land next to the landfill and the landowners are willing to sell. Barry Nadon asked how long the permits were good for and the answer was that some are 2-3 years and some 4-5 years and they can be renewed.

**Budget #004 Stormwater Authority:** Johanna Barry gave an update of the current 319 Grant, which will be to dredge two ponds near the Town beach. She has talked to Carl Nielsen from ESS Group who is revising the Scope of Work. She has not received a contract as yet. Al Collings asked when the dredging will be done and the answer was this year. Dave Callahan wants some of the dredged material and the rest will go to the landfill. Johanna Barry said Jim Dimaio, Tree Warden will do a seminar with U-Mass on the value of trees, clear cutting, et cetera for the educational portion of the grant. The question was asked if there are future projects. Al Collings said that there are 12-13 sites that need remediation but a lot are on private property and private roads and need permission from landowners.

**Budget #11 Conservation Commission:** Christine Long was present to answer questions. The Commission is asking to increase their expense budget $746.00 to be used for educational meetings/classes. Tom Schnare suggested next year making this a line item and if it is not spent, it will be returned to the general fund.

**Budget #9 Town Clerk & Budget #10 Elections and Registrations:** Sarah Allen was present to discuss her budget. Tom Schnare recused himself from the Town Clerk’s budget as he is her attorney. She was asked to explain why the need for another vote counting machine. She stated that this would be a backup machine and the cost is $5,300.00. The Auto Mark machine is State mandated and the cost if $1,000.00. Question raised on the cost of police detail. Barry Nadon explained that there were no more “town rates.” Al Collings asked if the State computer that Sarah needed had to be new or could it be used. Sarah said she did not have the requirements for the software. Sarah would like a storage trailer for her supplies and emergency management. The cost would be $10,000.00.

**Review projection of June 30 free cash, FY2011 & FY 2012 revenue projections:** Marie Arsenault reviewed the FY 12 Budget Worksheet. Estimated free cash for fiscal year 2012 is $619,963.00. Question asked about Aid to Highway Chapter 90 receipts. Marie said to date we have spent $259,443.00 but this will be reimbursed and go into free cash. Marie said the Veterans Services budget has been depleted. Marie reviewed budgets for surplus and they are Reserve Fund. Legal, Vocational Education and Vocational Transportation and funds from these budgets could be available. Al Collings said he received a note from Joe Scanlon and the school transportation budget was over $600,000.00 and on Monday he said this was $9,000.00 less than last year. Al said
$140,000.00 was the amount for above minimum contribution and he has sent Joe a note saying you must justify this. There is a 7% increase in the Foundation budget. School Reimbursement FY 13: $400,000.00 to go back to the tax rate. Want to see an article to see what we are able to do with the money. Al Collings asked about $50,000.00 to demolish Remizewski’s house. Johanna Barry said the amount is incorrect and would work on this.

A motion was made by Roy Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Diane Vayda second. Voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary