Present: Al Collings, Tom Long, Selectman
Tom Schnare, Barry Nadon, Selectman
Jack Tivnan, David Eisenthal, Selectman
Roy Roberts, Johanna Barry, Executive Secretary
Phil Landine, Diane Vayda

The joint meeting of the Advisory Committee and Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Al Collings at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Phil Landine and seconded by Jack Tivnan to approve the minutes of June 4, 2008 as presented. The secretary will have Jack Tivnan put all approved minutes on the web site.

FY2008 & 2009 revenue projections: There are no new numbers because Accountant Marie Arsenault is away.

Jack Tivnan will draft a letter to legislators regarding foundation budgets asking them to find new consistent revenue sources for schools.

Quaboag Budget Issues: Question was the notice good that went to the treasurer? Johanna stated that town counsel said that “Yes it was sufficient notice. It was confusing the way it was done but legal. It would have been better for the school to have sent a letter to the selectman. The Town has 45 days beginning with seven (7) days after the meeting.” We received notice on the May 20th and the clock starts ticking from that point. There is no penalty if the 45-day timeframe is not met. Because of prescheduled vacations of the Town Clerk and staff, we are looking at July 31st as a date. The School could sue us and say we are stalling but with these reasons they would not win their case. The School is asking for $15,096.00 discretionary money. Al Collings suggested that the Advisory Committee do not vote to approve/disapprove until the July 9th meeting or at the time of the Town Meeting after hearing the discussion.

Barry Nadon said the Selectmen are talking about a July 31, 2008 meeting. David Eisenthal made a motion to set the date of July 31, 2008 for the Special Town Meeting. Tom Long seconded the motion but with discussion that we ask the school to reconsider this. Phil Landine suggested writing a letter first. Jack Tivnan questioned whether the Advisory Committee should be involved as this was a selectmen’s issue. Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve. The cost of a Town Meeting per the Town Clerk is $700.00. Barry Nadon made a motion to open and close the warrant. David Eisenthal seconded. Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve.
Update of 45 students: David Eisenthal is going to contact the State Department of Education to see what remedy they have. Johanna does the vocational school students. Phil Landine talked about having the police department involved. Officer Laperle stated that knocking on doors could be an issue.

Jack Tivnan and Al Collings will talk with Marie regarding balancing year end figures before talking about transfers. Johanna said it would be July 15 before all of the bills would be in.

Jack Tivnan asked about the agenda for the next meeting of July 9, 2008. Al Collings said it would be an update on the Special Town Meeting and transfers. He will be scheduling agendas looking towards the fall and reviewing revolving accounts. Jack Tivnan stated the outlook is gloomy now with revenues less than this year. David Eisenthal would like to see a five-year forecast for capital expenditures. DOR has technical assistance available. Ultimately a written format or presentation format should be presented to voters so there will be no surprises.

Barry Nadon spoke with the Chief of Police. He stated that the information on crime is that it is about the same or maybe a little higher. He would like to see a sixth officer. It takes five officers to keep a cruiser going 24 hours a day. A sixth officer would make a 1 1/3 turn around time. He feels that they are maintaining service and not proactive. Tom Long stated that the selectman voted to hire a sixth police office and this is mandated by a town meeting vote.

Motion to adjourn by Roy Roberts. Jack Tivnan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary