The meeting was called to order by Chair Al Collings at 6:29 p.m.

Christine Long, Assistant Town Clerk swore in members Phil Landine and Jack Tivnan. Newly appointed member, Richard Gobi had already been sworn in on July 12, 2011.

**Minutes:** Jack Tivnan made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6, and June 21, 2011. Phil Landine second. Vote 4-2 abstain (Tom Schnare and Richard Gobi abstained).

**Letter:** Members reviewed and approved a thank you letter to be sent to Nicole Vongratsamy.

**AFTC Dues:** Jack Tivnan made a motion to approve paying the AFTC dues in the amount of $152.00. Phil Landine second. Vote 6-0 to pay dues.

**Free Cash:** Balance from 05/10/2011 Annual Meeting 0.00, Aid to Highway Ch 90 Receipts $294,890.00, Estimated underspending of FY 2011 Omnibus Budget $334,104.78 giving a total estimated free cash of $628,994.78.

**Preliminary Articles for Fall Town Meeting:** Reviewed articles for Fall Town Meeting. Johanna Barry will be sending out an RFP for demolition of Remizewski’s house and will have a number in about three weeks. Tom Schnare asked if the bid was all inclusive and the answer was yes. He would like to know the savings if the Highway did some of the work. Tom Schnare said he thought Sarah Allen talked about getting a used storage trailer. We will ask Sarah. Marie Arsenault said that Article 9 McRevey Rolls into free cash will not be needed. Tom Schnare said the article for landfill testing should have been in the Board of Health’s budget and not an article. Al Collings said it should but it was overlooked. Marie Arsenault explained the 1% longevity stipend for COA director was a clerical error. Al Collings will update the worksheet for the August meeting.

Al Collings said two other issues under discussion are that when Peggy Walker retires she will receive an estimated $20,000.00 sick time pay. Another issue is the highway superintendent wants to create a permanent full time position from the part time position. He is overwhelmed with his work load and is down one man due to disability. Barry Nadon said that at the Selectmen’s meeting last evening Mike Frew made a motion in favor of the full time position, Mark Long was in favor if funds were available and Barry Nadon was not in favor. He did not want to pay benefits for a full time person and questioned the amount of work in the winter months. The vote was 2-1 in favor if funds were available. He said that Mike Frew made the motion before any discussion could be held. Tom Schnare noted that they were working on Saturdays and using overtime. There is $7,000 in the budget. Superintendent Jim Daley could
not make the meeting tonight. Al Collings said we do not have money in the existing budget and cannot approve money until the October meeting. Johanna Barry said that we could schedule a Special Town Meeting. The members felt they needed to talk to the highway superintendent.

**Year End Transfer:** Jack Tivnan made a motion to approve the end of year budget transfer G.L. Ch. 44 Section 33B in the amount of $9,889.39. Phil Landine second. Vote 7-0 to approve.

**Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund:**

**Fire Department:** Request is for $5,498.42 to be transferred to Fire Department Wages for standby for the 350th celebration to include the Ball, Triathlon, Regatta and Parade and long duration calls to include roof collapse, tornado and carbon monoxide calls requiring ventilation services. Jack Tivnan made a motion to approve. Richard Gobi second. Vote 7-0 to approve.

**Selectmen’s Expense:** Request is for $1,400.00 to pay Worcester Telegram & Gazette for advertisements for unforeseen electrical inspector, assistant electrical inspector, 2nd tax classification hearing, and tree warden. Tom Schnare made a motion to approve. Jack Tivnan second. Vote 7-0 to approve.

**Police Department issues: Cruiser Replacement:** Officers Charles LaPerle and Matt Letendre were present to answer questions. Fleet Account indicates replacing a police vehicle. The mileage on this vehicle is 93,911. The quote from MHQ Vehicles, 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA for a 2011 Crown Vic is $29,545.00. Al Collings asked if this was all inclusive and the answer was yes except for the radar. The officers stated that they were no longer going to make Crown Vics and that the equipment to be transferred would fit a Crown Vic but not a Charger or Inceptor and therefore, they would like to get a Crown Vic. The Selectmen have not voted yet but will at their next meeting. Jack Tivnan made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2011 Crown Vic contingent upon approval by the Board of Selectmen. Richard Gobi second. Vote 7-0 to approve purchase pending approval vote of Selectmen.

**Video Equipment Replacement:** A quote from Watch Guard, 415 Parkway, Allen TX was presented for video equipment to be used on the 2011 Crown Vic. Al Collings asked the Officers to give details. They stated that they wanted to equip the 2011 Crown Vic as well as on future replacement cruisers. The system has six DVDs and a hard drive and would be hooked up to the radar system. They have had maintenance issues with the present system, which is 4-5 years old. Phil Landine asked if someone could get a copy and the answer was yes. A person can also ask to have the system turned off. Phil Landine asked why get it now and Officer LaPerle said it has a lot of good options. Al Collings said funds would come out of the Fleet Account. Tom Schnare questioned this as it was an accessory item. Jack Tivnan questioned why this was not included in the package for the Crown Vic. Tom Schnare made a motion to take the camera under advisement until the next meeting. Roy Roberts seconded. Vote 7-0 to think about it and make a decision at the next meeting.
Library Director Resignation & Replacement: Barry Nadon said the Library replacement timeframe would be six weeks to 12 months. Once the Trustees have their meeting, they will let him know the scale and range of wages. Jack Tivnan said the selectmen approve the step and grade. The present librarian is at grade 10, step 6. The Trustees will advertise and interview candidates and come back to the Selectmen. Barry Nadon read the required degrees a person must have to be a librarian for this size library. Richard Gobi asked Trustee Mark Jordon what will happen in the interim. Mark Jordon said the Library will be covered by the present staff with increased hours. The question was asked how long can this go on and the answer was he did not know. The Head of the Trustees will be doing some of the work. Mark Jordan stated he would leave his post once he moves out of town.

Review Status of WBES Projects: In our packet were e-mails from Bret Kustigan, Superintendent of Schools and Joe Scanlon and Al Collings asked members to review them.


Jack Tivnan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roy Roberts second. Vote 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary