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

Minutes: Diane Vayda made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2012 with the addition that the prisoners did the work at the Senior Center. Phil Landine second. Vote 5-1 abstain (Jack Tivnan) to approve the minutes of March 21, 2012 with the above-mentioned correction.

Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Estimates/ Budget Worksheets: Marie Arsenault said that as of June 30, 2012 we will have a $45,367.25 deficit. If the Town does not receive the money for the October snow storm from FEMA, there will be a deficit on the balance sheet and we will need a mechanism for balancing the budget. Diane Vayda asked why the Rice Fountain had to be taken apart and stored and the answer was that it was a safety issue.

Keith Arsenault, Treasurer was present. Al Collings asked about town properties available for sale. Keith said properties would have to go to foreclosure before they can be auctioned. He explained that the properties that were auctioned off in 2000 that fell apart would not only get a fraction of what was offered then. Tom Long asked what value and the answer was that an offer of $60,000 then would only be $25-30,000 now. He has been focusing on some properties to find out who actually owns them. He stated that he has about five properties with homes on them that foreclosures have been started.

Review Department Budget Requests:

Fleet Account: Al Collings reviewed the Fleet Account. Al has talked to the Police Chief and there will not be a police cruiser purchase this year.

#5 Assessors Budget: Assessor Bill Mansfield was present to answer questions. Al Collings said the budget was down from last year and asked what approach are you taking. Bill Mansfield stated that the Assessors office has undergone a change with the retirement of Peggy Walker. We will be using a lot of technology and hope it will work. Betty DiMaio is taking on a tremendous amount of responsibility and doing well. Phil Landine asked what technology are you talking about. Bill Mansfield said there are no
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longer any manual reports. Now they are all on the State website. Jack Tivnan said that
the State has spent a lot of money updating software. They will create an operational
manual. They plan to update the field cards, which have not been done recently, by
having each assessor visit one-third of the properties. Roy Bishop will re-qualify the
data. The assessors will be sending a letter to homeowners that someone will be visiting
the property. They plan on doing more work in-house and less contracting out. Al
Collings applauded the Assessors for taking on a huge responsibility and reducing the
budget and he wished them well.

Fire Department: Al Collings said he was in favor of the adjustments for additional
work but not want to move ahead with the 457 plan. Jack Tivnan made a motion not to
recommend the Fire Department’s request for the 457 plan at this time but would
reconsider next year but were in favor of the stipends. Tom Long second. Vote 6-0 not
to recommend the 457 plan.

Water Department: Tom Long asked the Town Accountant for the February figures
paid out for Stand By Work.

Steve Brewer Letter: Jack Tivnan said we should send Steve Brewer a letter about
getting Cherry Sheet figures out early. Al Collings will send him an e-mail and also tell
him we have not heard from the Education Department.

Informational Meeting: The Informational Meeting will be held April 25, 2012 at 7:15
p.m. Al Collings said he is working on his slide presentation and he will get a press
release out.

Review of Annual Town Meeting Warrant: Johanna Barry said that the Selectmen
have finalized the warrant.

Article #3: Vote to determine the compensation to be paid to following elected Town
Officers: Moderator $150.00, Selectmen, each member $1,760.00, Selectmen, Chairman
$1,760.00, Town Treasurer $29,958.19, Tax Collector $32,734.65, Assessors each
member $4,999.00, Assessors Clerk $25,000.00, Board of Health two members $880.00,
Board of Health Chairman, $1,100.00, Town Clerk, $27,137.00, Water Commissioners
$385.00 each. Roy Roberts made a motion to approve. Tom Long second. Voted 6-0
to approve Article #3.

Article #4: Vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the
Treasury, such sums of money listed in the Advisory Committee Report and as amended
as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2012 – 2-13 and to vote that any State reimbursements which result in available funds to the Quaboag

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Regional School District, in excess of the approved budget, shall be used to reduce the Town’s Assessment. **Pass over. Will be reviewing up to Town meeting.**

**Article #5:** Vote to from Overlay Surplus $25,000.00 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.

Johanna Barry gave brief description of the Articles 6 through 20.

Jack Tivnan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Long second. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary