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Board of Selectmen  
May 7, 2007

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p. m. with all members present.

1. The Board reviewed the remaining articles for the Annual Town Meeting; Article 16 will be withdrawn; Article 17 adopted, Article 41 withdrawn, Article 38 adopted. Article 8 (Senior Center) of the Special Town Meeting, the wording “additional borrowing” can be removed. Mr. Johnson asked if the House adopted the article. Mr. Cressman said that it was adopted by the House and it’s gone to the Senate. Mr. Selissen said it’s a short term borrowing. Mr. Cressman said if he needs to.

Motion by Mr. Mackey, second Mr. Johnson, to adopt Article 8 as amended.  
VOTED: 3-1 Mrs. Stronach opposed.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second Mrs. Stronach to approve Article 12 (Selectman Ryan’s salary) as amended to change the figure to \$4038.46, unanimously voted.

2. Article 14 Storm water withdrawn; Article 15 no recommendation.

3. Mr. Selissen said that the School Committee didn’t know there wasn’t going to be a subcommittee meeting tonight; he told the Committee that the Board was going forward with Articles 4, 5, 6 as recommended by the Finance Committee; the School Committee indicated that they haven’t had time to look over the Finance Committee recommendations. Mr. Mackey asked about the Finance Committee. Mr. Selissen said that the Chairman wants to go forward; the Board can still pursue it can call for a special town meeting. Mr. Selissen said he was assured by Rep. Miceli that there is no impact on Chapter 70 funds in the future; it is a short term fix, stop gap measure; there needs to be a three year plan.

4. Mr. Johnson said you can’t bank on it and no guarantee it won’t impact Chapter 70 funds; but the Board should pursue it. Mrs. Stronach said that a contingency budget doesn’t make a good fix if it doesn’t work.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second Mr. Mackey, unanimously voted to call for a Special Town Meeting for May 29, 2007, at 7 p. m.

5. Mr. Cressman informed the Board that AFSCME ratified their contract this evening. Mrs. Stronach recused herself as her brother in law is a member of AFSCME and she left the room at 6:55 p. m. Mr. Selissen asked if there were any questions. Mr. Cressman said that the union signed the memorandum of agreement.

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Motion by Mr. Johnson, second Mr. Mackey to approve and sign the AFSCME Contract. VOTED: 3-0 Mrs. Stronach not present, not voting.

6. Mrs. Stronach returned to the meeting at 6:58 p. m.
7. Mrs. Stronach complimented the Police and Fire Departments for working together over the past weeks in light of what happened at the schools.
8. Mr. Johnson suggested that a new section be added to the agenda for at least one of the meetings the Board has during the months ahead; he would like to have a Summary Level Budget Analysis for the Board's information and public's benefit.

Motion by Mrs. Stronach, second Mr. Mackey, unanimously voted to accept the suggestion.

9. Mr. Johnson voiced his concern about public risk for the response time for the Fire Dept. based on last Wednesday's meeting. Mr. Johnson said he spoke with the Library Director about potentially moving some money from her budget; she took a professional and cooperative approach and there will be harm to the Library. Mr. Johnson said she offered suggestions that would result in an \$83,000 cut; they would be open 60 hours but the purchase of books would be maintained at 13%; there is a waiver process involved. Mr. Johnson said the additional \$30,450 would mean laying off a clerk and he would like to avoid that and try to find the money somewhere else; this would mean an overall 16% cut. Mr. Selissen talked about discretionary spending and maybe the \$30,000 could be addressed in October. Mr. Johnson said that this was not agreed to by the Trustees yet and he would like to talk with them.

Motion by Mr. Mackey, second Mr. Johnson, unanimously voted to continue the meeting until Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 6:30 p. m. (7:10 p. m.)

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Anne Marie Stronach, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:37 p. m. with all Board members present.

1. The Board had a brief discussion regarding Old Stage Coach Road.

Motion by Mrs. Stronach, second Mr. Johnson, unanimously voted to table Article 40 until the June 28<sup>th</sup> continued town meeting.

2. The Housing Authority submitted an amendment to Article 35 to add the words “grant the Tewksbury Housing Authority an easement to pass and repass by vehicular traffic”.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second Mr. Mackey, unanimously voted to recommend adoption of Article 35 as amended.

3. Mrs. Stronach informed the Board that she has scheduled a meeting of the Financial Plan Task Force for Monday, May 14, 2007, at 6:00 p. m. in the Town Hall auditorium. She will also extend an invitation to those residents who have applied to serve but have not yet been appointed.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second Mr. Mackey to recommend adoption of Article 11 as amended; change \$10,446.88 to \$11,506.88. VOTED: 3-1 Mrs. Stronach opposed.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second Mr. Mackey, unanimously voted to recess this meeting until the conclusion of the Annual Town Meeting 6:50 p. m. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

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Anne Marie Stronach, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_