PRESENT: George Dillon, Jr., Chairman; Joshua A. Degen, Vice Chairman; Stuart Schulman, Clerk; Peter Cunningham; Mihran Keoseian
Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Interim Administrative Officer; Dr. Alan Genovese, School Superintendent
Location: Town Hall

Mr. Dillon called the regular meeting of the Board to Order at 5:20 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Amy Degen announced the million penny event will be held in Groton. Cindy Barrett from the School Committee announced that savings have been made with the bus company for $60,000 and additional $30,000 from Chapter 70 monies will be received.

DICK HEATON, H&H CONSULTANTS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING:
Dr. Genovese stated that he wanted to use the Prescott School as a Special Education Collaborative that is currently working out of the High School. Mr. Degen asked if the plan was to move the School Administrative offices to the Prescott School. Dr. Genovese stated that he was unable to answer that question because the plan for Prescott School is continuously being revised, but that moving the school administration offices is an option. Dr. Genovese added that the Maintenance Department could temporarily move there for the Summer or Fall. Dick Heaton of H&H Consultants, Affordable Housing (CPC Funded) Project presented to the selectmen. Mr. Heaton reviewed the pros and cons to converting the Prescott School to affordable housing and noted he would return to the selectmen in forty five days.

Dr. Genovese stated that the Prescott School would not remain dormant but be used for the next 2-3 years. Mr. Degen stated that the town could use the tax credits given that the housing market is flat. Mr. Degen added that a renovation to Prescott could be upwards of eight million dollars.

Mr. Heaton recommended the following:
1. Establishing an Affordable housing Trust Article for Fall Special Town Meeting.
2. Revise advantages and disadvantages for specific affordable housing sites in town and to explore further and report back to the selectmen in forty five days. (Townsend Road, 53 Acres; Brown Loaf Parcel on Lowell Road owned by FELD; Shirley Road 11 acres Surrenden Farm)

ROBERT COLLINS, ATTORNEY FOR POINT ROAD DEED:
Mr. Degen moved to sign the deed of conveyance for Point Road dated May 12, 2008. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0)

KAREN TUOMI, 2008 UNSUNG HEROINES OF MASSACHUSETTS:
Mr. Dillon stated that Karen Tuomi was recently selected as one of the unsung heroines of Massachusetts.

43D MARKETING COMMITTEE:
The 43D Marketing Committee presented a contract between the Town and Mass Development to look at a Marketing Plan for Station Avenue Project. Mr. Lyons made a presentation.
WEST GROTON SEWER COMMITTEE:
Mr. Degen made a motion to appoint the following to the West Groton Sewer Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2009: David Melpignano, George Wheatley, George Barringer, Mathew Waterman, Alison Manugian and Peter Ziaitz as an alternate. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0)

OTHER BUSINESS:
The Board decided to hold off on posting the Part time Office Assistant’s position in the Selectmen’s office.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Mr. Ritter reported that there will be a meeting with Melissa Robbins and someone from DMR on Monday. Mr. Ritter also commented that 134 Main Street submitted a check to the Water Department and that it bounced. A CPC legal opinion was requested for $50,000 to be expended on the basketball court project approved at the last Town Meeting. The CPC has allocated $500 for legal for the project.

SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS
Mr. Dillon reported that Candidates Night was scheduled to be on May 13th followed by the Town Election on May 20th. Mr. Dillon commented on the 80th Anniversary of the Prescott School.
Mr. Degen stated that the Jenkins Road Affordable Housing Project was reviewed.
Mr. Cunningham reported that he attended the Eagle Scouts ceremony on May 10th and there would be a Surrenden Farm meeting on May 19th at 8:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Mr. Degen moved to approve the March 3, 2008 regular session minutes and the May 5, 2008 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0)

ADJOURN
Mr. Degen moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. Mr. Schulman seconded. Roll Call Dillon-yes; Degen-yes; Schulman-yes; Cunningham-yes; Keoseian-yes

Approved: ____________________________________________  _________________________________
Stuart Schulman, Clerk   respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Ritter

Date Approved: