Selectmen Present: Janice Mulherin, Mark Andrew, John Fucci
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow
Secretary: Janet Sherburne

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of 11-17-08 were approved.

SELECTMEN’S ISSUES:

Tim Milton: Mr. Milton met with the board to request permission to place a plaque on Buffalo Road where his son was killed in an accident in May. The board explained that it is their understanding that the property is owned by the National Forest Service and he would need their permission not the towns. Mr. Milton was given the contact information for the National Forest Service.

SAU #48 Administrative Budget: The board received and reviewed a proposed budget from the SAU Administrative Offices. There will be a public hearing on this budget on December 4, 2008 at 6:30pm in the Bobcat Café at the Plymouth Regional High School.

Police Department Purchase Requests: Chief Main had previously met with the board and asked if he could purchase an in-car video and three tasers from the 2008 budget. The board discussed this and agreed that Chief Main has saved money in the 2008 budget and they appreciate his resourcefulness. However, they do not feel all the money should be spent at this time. A motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase of one taser, after a thorough review by the Chief of the reliability of the different brands of Tasers. The motion passed unanimously.

Winpenny Inventory Penalties: As requested, Mr. Winpenny submitted in writing his reasons for late submission of the inventories. The board reviewed and discussed the letter. After discussion, Selectman Andrew made a motion that no action be taken and the penalties should stand. Selectman Mulherin seconded the motion. Selectmen Fucci abstained from the vote, the motion passed and the penalties will stand. Mr. Winpenny came in later in the meeting and the board explained their decision to him.

Road Committee Update: John Fucci updated the board on the latest road committee meeting which was held on November 19th. At this meeting, members of the committee visited several areas of town to see what work needed to be done. Sand Hill Bridge was one of the sites visited and all agreed that repair of the bridge can be put on hold for a few years.

Rumney School Board: Yvon Cloutier and Cathy Sobetzer met briefly with the board to update them on the ongoing school budget process and to invite the board to the next school board meeting on December 3, 2008 at 5:00pm. A rough draft of the budget has been prepared and is being carefully and closely reviewed by the school board.

GCSO Vehicle Use: Mark Andrew raised a concern about the use of the Grafton County Sheriff vehicles. He would like the board to write a letter to the Sheriff’s Office and County Commissioners asking that all sheriffs be mindful of speed limits and safe driving habits. It was discussed that at the same time a letter could be sent to
town departments reminding employees of the seat belt policy and encouraging safe driving. Anne will draft a letter for next week.

ADMINISTRATION:

**West Rumney Fire Station Door:** Jim McCart submitted a bid for the overhead door opener. The board would like clarification of exactly what the bid includes before making a decision. The board will make a decision on this matter next week.

**2009 Budget:** The board reviewed the 2009 budget from 8:15 – 9:15pm.

To Sign: Checks; Abatements – Burnham, D., Miller Trust; C. Reed; Refunds – Blair, Lantana, Bietner, Green Acres, R. Brown, B. Martin, N. King; Intent to Cut – D. Leverone, J. Sobetzer

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Sherburne