

**Joint Budget Subcommittee
Minutes
March 12, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am.

Members present: Councilor Bartlett, Councilor Feeley, Councilor Vallee and Councilor Zollo. Also present were Town Administrator Jeff Nutting, Town Comptroller Susan Gagner, School Superintendent Wayne Ogden, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Sabolinski, School Committee members, Jeff Roy, Cora Armenio, Susan Rohrbach, and Finance Committee member Mark Cataldo.

The following items were discussed:

Emergency Generator – Requested amount \$130,000 –The Committee reviewed the request and suggested that it be placed on the next Council agenda.

Quick Update on Audit Implementation – Memo sent to Town Council.
The Superintendent of Schools stated that all items were progressing.

Quick Overview of NEASC Report - Game plan for establishing a School Building Committee – The Committee review discussed some the building items listed in the report. It was decided the best course of action was to create a building committee to review the options.

FY 09 Budget – Update and Discussion - The Town Administrator updated the Committee. No real changes in the estimated revenues and a recommendation that the School budget increase by \$800,000 and the Town side about \$400,000 +/- with the remaining \$600,000 +/- revenues used to pay fixed costs.

Consolidation of Facilities - A discussion about the Town Administrator's proposed consolidation of the facilities departments under the DPW. The School Committee and Superintendent expressed concern about the proposal. A vote of the School Committee and Council is required to make the transition. The Town Administrator will provide an overview of the proposal, and another meeting will be scheduled to discuss the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 am.