

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Slade Building
August 6, 2008**

Meeting commenced 6:30 PM

Members present: Paul Hale, Chair
Kristie Casey, Vice Chair

Member not present: Matt Castriotta, Clerk

Staff present: Elaine Peterson, Town Secretary/Notary Public; Deb Roussel, Town Administrator

Finance Committee Members present: Kellianne Becker, Carol Burke, Jennifer Chase Williams, Sue Motta, Dave Simmerer

Others present: Walter Ducharme, Sue Gee, QRSD Superintendent; Dick Hutchins

Chairman Hale opened the meeting. The Board had been informed by QRSD Financial Director Cheryl Duval that the Town had not fulfilled the requirements of MGL, Chapter 71, sec. 16b, relative to the QRSD reassessment voted by the District Committee on July 10, 2008. MGL requires a meeting of the local appropriating authority, which in Hubbardston's case is a town meeting within 45 days of the date the Committee's vote of the revised budget, set to expire August 24, 2008. Discussion concerning opinions from Town's legal counsel, Kopelman & Paige, PC, Department of Education and Department of Revenue on whether the previous town meeting and special elections were adequate to express the Town's vote.

Motion: P. Hale **2nd: K. Casey**
To not proceed with a special town meeting at this time and send a letter to Quabbin Regional School District informing them the Town cannot afford the reassessment
Vote: All in Favor

Motion: P. Hale **2nd: K. Casey**
To approve the wage authorization for Thomas Monfreda, Gas/Plumbing Inspector
Vote: All in Favor

Motion: P. Hale **2nd: K. Casey**
To adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm
Vote: all in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Peterson
Town Secretary

Approved: September 15, 2008.

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