Call to order: 5:31 P.M. by Harry Watson (TC)

Members Present: Harry Watson (TC), Bruce Flax (TC), Lori Watrous (RTM) Jackie Massett (RTM) Pat Doyle (BOE), Bob Peruzzotti (BOE)

1. PLAYING FIELDS:
   An update was given on the meeting held earlier in the day at Town Hall Annex. (See Attachment #1 memo)

2. Town Budget Process:
   Superintendent Ramos will present the 2013-2014 budget to Board of Education on Feb. 4, 2013 at the Town Hall Annex

3. Overcrowding/Redistricting Update:
   The BOE has approved the latest version of the plan and the State has given their approval. It will now go to the State Dept. of Education for signature. The estimated cost of this unfunded mandate will be $440,000 plus fuel charges and consultant fees.

4. Contract Updates:
   The Paraprofessionals negotiations are still ongoing.

5. Fitch Middle School:
   Members were asked to solicit ideas on how to best use facility. Suggestions were: Move BOE Central Office, Parks and Rec office, Alternative school, FHS Robotics Club, Groton Regional Theatre, Boys and Club. This item will be on the BOE agenda for the COW on 1/28/13. It was agreed that this should be a joint effort by the Town and BOE.

6. Where to hold future meetings:
   Members decided to rotate meetings to different Town facilities.

7. Other Items:
   A request was made for the Town Council and Board of Education to continue to have joint meetings at least 4 times per year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

The next meeting will be February 6, 2013, 5:30 P.M. in the Catherine Kolnaski School Media Center.

Submitted: Bob Peruzzotti Co-Chair Liaison Committee
ATTACHMENT #1

Summary of the Playing Fields discussion from 1/9/13 at the Annex by H. Watson.

Meeting of athletic Groups Wednesday January 16, 2013 at Parks and Recreation:
   - Important to get advocacy from this group to support the need of playing fields in Groton.

Turf on FHS football field by FHS Athletic Director and BOE Building and Maintenance to be proposed for 2013 CIP.
   - Justification to include:
     1. More play because not chewed up like natural grass
     2. Maintenance would be less burdensome
     3. Lights and bleachers there now
     4. Anchors are there already from when track was improved
     5. Would address student safety (transportation) and save busing costs
     6. Would provide playing opportunities to female sports teams at FHS property

$ into budget for engineering for Merritt Property to ID possibilities for multiple fields:
   - Wetlands to be flagged at Merritt Property. Not sure who and when this was to be done.
   - Public Works Director and Town Manager

Possible opportunities at Grasso Tech:
   - FHS Principal to inquire

Mystic Education Center continued use of field:
   - Parks and Recreation Director to contact the State