I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Ongoing Business (Deliberation & Possible Action)
   A. Orford Academy Building Task Force Update: D. Ricker reported that Task Force had not met so there was no update.

III. New Business (Receive Information & Possible Action)
   A. 2013-2014 Draft Budget – Brenda presented an overview (see attached) to the Board of the FY 14 Preliminary budget. Administrators elaborated on their budget areas, answering various questions from the Board. Smith-Ordway, at the conclusion of the presentation and discussion, asked if this budget being presented is maintaining the programs we currently have or improving/creating new programs for growth while watching student enrollment. Needham said that even when numbers go down, the Academy still has to offer quality and program depth for the students that are here.

IV. Transact any other business that needs to be considered:
   Richardson reported that the Concerned Citizens had a meeting on Thursday and an article would be in the Journal Opinion this week. Discussion ensued and ended with Smith-Ordway requesting that K. Blanchard draft up some points for possible publication. Also, Richardson reported that the Orford assessment for Rivendell was wrong on the Orford tax bills and it stems from a state of New Hampshire error.

   Action: Motion made to appoint Carl Cassel of Orford, NH, to the open local auditor position with term to expire after elections at the 2013 Annual District Meeting. Approved.

   Action: Motion made to approve warrant for special district meeting on January 24, 2013, to change the date of District meeting as the fourth Saturday in March is Easter weekend. Approved. Discussion was held on finding a West Fairlee resident to appoint to the open West Fairlee Board seat and some suggestions were offered. Smith-Ordway will follow up on these suggestions.

   Brief discussion on future Board leadership. Richardson wondered if it was possible for a member thinking of taking a Board leadership position to sit in on Executive Committee which meets mostly just for agenda planning monthly for training purposes. This was okayed, as long as not more than one or two members besides Chair and Vice Chair.

V. Adjourn:
   Action: Motion made to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Recorded by:

Penny Perryman