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To Milton A. Nixon, Esquire
Re: Joint Committee, Town and Academy

. . . You ask whether the contractual arrangement now existing between the Town of Yarmouth and North Yarmouth Academy would justify the forming of a joint committee under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 105 of the Revised Statutes of 1954. You state that the Town of Yarmouth has no free high school and you make this inquiry to determine whether an article should be placed in the Town Warrant for consideration of action with regard to a joint committee for joint control of the North Yarmouth Academy.

We gather from your letter there is no existing written contract between Yarmouth and the Academy, but that the town pays tuition for the students attending the Academy.

Reading Section 105 in the light of Chapter 233 of the Public Laws of 1955, amending Section 105, we do not find any requirement that the question of a joint committee should be presented to the town.

However, the town must authorize the superintending school committee to contract with the Academy. We are of the opinion that such contract must be authorized by the town for a definite period and should be in writing. Without such a contract there cannot be the joint committee contemplated by Section 105. We hope this information will be helpful to you in considering your problem.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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