

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA
Princeton Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 6th, 2016

AB members in attendance: John Shipman, Don Schoeny, Jimmy O'Coin, Wayne Adams, George Handy, Bill Lawton

BOS members in attendance: Town Administrator Nina Nazarian

AB Agenda

- Discussion for the planned Special Town Meeting Warrant September 13th and correlated Town Election Ballot, related to broadband internet services and town borrowing \$4.8M
- Readiness and prep for September 7th meeting with BOS and guest Comcast
- Old/new business
- Approve Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 6:32 PM

Discussion

- **Updates from BOS weekly meeting 9/6**
 - BOS voted to postpone 9/13 Special Town Meeting until a later date
 - PBMLP would post notice on Connecting Princeton website and also cancel the 9/8 PBMLP session
- **Preparation discussion for 9/7**
- AC discussed whether to hold town hearing as scheduled on 9/7, and limit the AC meeting to the joint AB/BOS meeting with Comcast
 - George Handy - Motion to hold AC town hearing meeting on 9/7 as posted on the town website. Seconded Jimmy O'Coin. Vote 6-Yes, 1-No, 0-Abstain
- Discussion for whether AC should send a list of questions to Comcast on 9/6 to be prepared to answer on 9/7. Noted that the 8/12 AC meeting, a list of Comcast questions was documented and sent onto Comcast for them to address when they would meet with Princeton BOS/AC.
 - George Handy : Motion to send expanded list of questions to Comcast. Seconded Wayne Adams. Vote 2-Yes, 4-No, 0-Abstain
 - Action – Wayne to send on questions to Town Administrator and PBMLP Manager.
- **Other Old/New Business**
- AC discussed we need clarity for the MBI funds to be potentially awarded to Princeton. Current MBI administration documents state \$910K. Princeton BOS and legal have email commitment from prior MBI administration for \$920K.
 - George requested PBMLP Manager to include George and Wayne in the next MBI meeting. Will be scheduled with MBI construction manager.
- Discussion that should Article 3 pass, to elect a 5 member PBMLP Board, the town residents desired to have an election sooner than May 2017.
 - Action – ask Town Administrator the options and effort to have a special

town election before May 2017

- Discussion that if the Comcast proposal is interesting to BOS and AC, then the MA Dept. of Telecommunications and Cable franchise process would be followed. AB members should take time to read the guideline document as provided by BOS Stan Moss for future meeting discussion

- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
 - o Meeting minutes from 8/31; 6-Y, 0-N, 0-A

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM

Useful URLs to Publicly Posted Material for Broadband

- **Connecting Princeton:** <http://www.connectingprinceton.com/>
- **PBMLP Minutes:** <http://www.connectingprinceton.com/project-status-and-news/meeting-minutes/>
- **Comcast Proposal** – Not received yet
- **Matrix Proposal** –
 - o <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yerpuwg56gx1ykr/AADwJ68YYUfuELYibGIZXNPCa?dl=0>
- **PBMLP Cost/subscriber financial model :**
 - o <http://www.connectingprinceton.com/project-status-and-news/ftth-financials/>
- **PBMLP 2016 Residents Survey** - summary posted to Connecting Princeton
- **PBMLP Information Session Presentations** – 8/30 posted to Connecting Princeton
- **PBMLP Risk Analysis**
 - o <http://www.connectingprinceton.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/RISK-REPORT-Final.pdf>

Meetings and Important Dates

- **September 7th, 2016** – Advisory Committee Public Hearing, 7PM, Princeton Center
- **Canceled: September 8th, 2016** – PBMLP Public Information Session for FTTH , repeat info August 30, Thomas Prince School
- **Re Scheduled to take Place: September 13th, 2016** – Special Town Meeting for Warrant, 7PM Heritage Bible Chapel
- **September 22nd, 2016** – Special Town Election for Ballot, 12N-8PM, Town Annex

Handouts

- o none

Wayne M. Adams, AB Member