

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA
Princeton Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 25 and April 28 2016

AB members in attendance were:

April 25: John Shipman, George Handy, Jimmy O'Coin, Dave Cruise, Bill Lawton and Wayne Adams

April 28: John Shipman, George Handy, Jimmy O'Coin, Dave Cruise, Bill Lawton and Wayne Adams

Agenda AB

- AB town public hearing on FY17 ATM Warrant (to be voted on May 10, 2016)

Meeting started at 7:05 PM April 25, 2016

ATM Warrant Review

- AB members introduced themselves by name and residence location in town.
- Town School Committee Member requested the AB support 100% of the WRSD requested budget. Rationale based on cited objectives to restore staffing levels, update school educational materials, and match parity with other towns.
- Library Committee requested the AB support the town employee Salary Survey since the 2012 report is now dated. Also suggested town adopt a best practice to a salary survey every 5 years.
- Planning Board representative asked if there were any questions from the AB and residents in attendance for the PB articles in the Warrant. None were asked
- Resident expressed concern on funding to renovate Bagg Hall based on Landmark article that reflected an initial article for >\$500K over two years. AB and TA clarified the current ATM article is now a feasibility study for \$65K. Resident expressed point of view that the historical use of the building met historical needs and we should invest in current needs and not memories.
- 8:00 PM, 4/25/2016 AB motioned and passed to recess town public hearing until April 28, 5PM.
- 5:10 PM, 4/28/2016 AB Town Public Hearing session resumed
- Advisory Board motioned and voted "Yes" in favor of the Warrant Article, for Articles 1,2, 4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,35,36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42. Y-6, N-0, A-0.
- Advisory Board motioned and voted "TBD" for article 23, Fieldstone Farm.
- Advisory Board motioned and voted "Disapprove" article 12, Stabilization Fund and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund. AB to work up a motion for ATM should the town vote to disapprove, whereby \$35K to be allocated to Stabilization Fund (instead of \$50K; and \$0 for Infrastructure Stabilization Fund) .
- Advisory board motioned and vote to Disapprove Article 3, WRSD Budget subtotal. AB to work up a motion for ATM should the town vote to disapprove, whereby the WRSD Ops Assessment to be recommended as \$515,219 (instead of \$709,563), whereby the recommended subtotal is \$4,375,314 (instead of \$4,569,658).

- Advisory board motioned and voted to “Yes” in favor of all Article department subtotals except WRSD.
- Details for specific Article Motions and AB votes for articles AB voted No or TBD during 4/23 session. Initials represent the Advisory Board member by name. A board member who motions and or seconds reflects the need to advance the topic to a vote and does not necessarily represent that AB’s individual position on the motion whether to be in favor, disfavor, or to abstain.
 - Article 3 Reserve Fund to be \$0 instead of \$40K
 - GH motioned, WA seconded; Y-2, N-4, A-0 ; motion failed
 - Article 3 WRSD Budget, motion to reduce Operations Budget to \$525219
 - GH motioned, DC seconded; Y-6, N-0, A-0; motion passed
 - Article 7 AB in favor as written
 - DC motioned, WA seconded; Y-6, N-0, A-0; motion passed
 - Article 8 AB in favor as written
 - DC motioned, JO seconded; Y-4, N-2, A-0; motion passed
 - Article 9 AB in favor as written
 - JO motioned, DC seconded; Y-6, N-0, A-0; motion passed
 - Article 12 AB disapprove as written; amend amounts \$100K→\$0K; \$50K→\$35K
 - GH motioned, WA seconded; Y-4, N-2, A-0 ; motion passed
 - Article 13 AB in favor as written
 - WA motioned, DC seconded; Y-6, N-0, A-0; motion passed
 - Article 18 AB in favor as written
 - JO motioned, DC seconded; Y-5, N-1, A-0; motion passed
 - Article 23 AB motion to leave as TBD
 - JO motioned, WA seconded; Y-6, N-0, A-0; motion passed
 - Article 30 AB motion to approve as written
 - JO motioned, GH seconded; Y-6, N-0, A-0; motion passed
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM, April 28, 2016

Handouts

- FY 17 ATM Warrant Draft 10

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne M. Adams, AB Member