

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA
Princeton Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 21 2016

AB members in attendance were: John Shipman, George Handy, Bill Lawton, Dave Cruise, Don Schoeny, and Wayne Adams

BOS members in attendance were: Edith Morgan, Stan Moss, Jon Fudeman, Town Administrator Nina Nazarian

Agenda AB

- Budget review for town departments : recreation
- Budget review for rollup of all town department expenses and projected town revenues
- Next meeting of BOS and AB for Budget, 3/28

Meeting started at 6:05 PM

Town of Princeton Budget

- Recreation Department
 - o Reviewed requests for maintenance improvements to address drainage and related damages for softball field at TPS and basketball courts at Krashes; improvements address safety issues.
- Draft Town Roll-up Budget
 - o Number of questions and clarifications about the new spreadsheet format and certain line items
 - What does Level Service mean year to year; when the funding amounts change – is it still Level or an Increase/Decrease?
 - Why some increases/decreases reflected against prior year, in certain columns
 - AB asked on next iteration of the roll-up that the spreadsheet be sent out to better understand the formulas, instead of the static .pdf format.
 - OPEB could be paid from free cash instead of budgeted line item
 - School expense reflects the most recent WRSD budget and Princeton's portion, reflecting less than the original overall 5.2% WRSD increase.
 - AB still concerned that increases greater than the COI will continue to erode the balance of the Princeton town budget and over a few more years may cut into town services.
 - BOS/AB to further discuss strategy on whether to support WRSD most recent budget and its portion to Princeton. Recent separate meetings with WRSD and Princeton School Committee representatives, with stated concerns of increases in budget being passed onto towns did not factor into recent WRSD voted on budget.
 - o Not included in this budget are the capital requests and other special town projects

- Draft operational budget reflects revenues exceed expenses; next step of budget process is to decide on special warrants/capital requests
- Next meeting 3/8
 - Plan to review list of capital requests, prioritize them and factor into the budget
 - Includes vehicle requests, equipment requests, building improvements

Handouts

- Budget for recreation department
- Draft roll-up of all town departments expenses and town projected revenue

AB Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne M. Adams, AB Member