

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA  
Princeton Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2017

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AC members in attendance: John Shipman, George Handy, Jimmy O'Coin, Judy Dino, Don Schoeny, Wayne Adams

BOS members in attendance: Jon Fudeman and TA Nina Nazarian

**Advisory Committee Agenda**

- Review ATM Warrant Articles
- Other new business

Meeting started at 5:30 PM

**Meeting Minutes**

- Finance Committee article
  - Jon Fudeman led a discussion about the citizen's petition to establish a Finance Committee.
  - AC members each expressed an opinion for its merit as originally submitted and suggested improvements to add clarity that may be amended on the floor during ATM vote.
  - AC discussed whether to take a vote for an opinion to be in favor or disfavor and whether this is a conflict of interest as a committee. Members of the AC can express an opinion as individual town citizens.
- Draft ATM Warrant Articles Discussion, referencing Version 4 from 4/3/2017
  - John Shipman led the committee through a review of each and every article, and took straw-poll votes so committee members can assess where we need more information to make a decision prior to a town vote.
  - Articles needing more information and discussion are as follows
    - Operating Budget including WRSD Budget and Road Construction
    - OPEB
    - Planning Board Sign Bylaws
    - Environmental Action Plan Resolution
    - \$250K for emergency building repairs and the type of fund to be established and its residual planned use in FY19
  - George Handy prepared a draft of suggested adjustments for the operating budget and capital spending items, that result in a reduction of requested spend.
    - George to type-up his handwritten notes and send to the AC
  - Acknowledged some changes underway from Version 5
    - Change revolving fund spending caps for Parks and Recreation, each raised \$15K to \$30K
    - New article for Greenway funding of \$500
    - Removed Vault Upgrade request for funding of \$10K
  - Request to have continued research into the original articles from prior years to establish Stabilization fund and Infrastructure Stabilization fund, and town

counsel opinion for legal restrictions for how the funds can be used for specific types of expenses

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Next meeting is joint BOS/AC on Monday April 10

**Handouts and Referenced Documents**

- 4/3 Budget document Capital Expense
- 4/3 Draft #4 ATM Warrant
- Under-utilized Town Assets Property listing from April 2012

Minutes recorded by Wayne M. Adams, AC Member