

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA
Princeton Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2017

AC members in attendance: John Shipman, George Handy, Jimmy O'Coin, Judy Dino, Don Schoeny, Bill Lawton, Wayne Adams
BOS members in attendance: TA Nina Nazarian

Advisory Committee Agenda

- Planning Board Article for Sign Bylaw
- Princeton Citizens Article for Environmental Action Committee
- Review budget and capital expenses
- Review ATM Warrant Articles
- Other new business

Meeting started at 5:30 PM

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- PB Sign Bylaw Article
 - PB members Tom Daly and Richard Bisk prepared a side-by-side comparison of the sign bylaws to make it easier to understand what has changed and what has remained the same. And led a discussion with the AC, listening to concerns, addressing questions providing clarity and intent, and context
 - AC expressed concern with business operation and presence restrictions for the number of permanent signs and the temporary sign allowances
 - PB to discuss the concerns and decide to either make an amendment on the floor during ATM or withdraw the article for refinement and vote in a subsequent year
- Environmental Action Committee and Plan Discussion
 - Citizen sponsors of the article, Claire Golding and Cory Burnham-Howard led a discussion and a Q&A session with the AC to further explain purpose and intent of the article.
 - AC members raised questions and concerns about the committee goals, desired charter empowerment, and deliverables.
 - AC recognized the merits of receiving grants and bringing energy saving programs and loans to town businesses, government, and citizens.
- Discussion for Operating and Capital Expense worksheets, tax levy
 - AC member George Handy led a discussion of recommended changes to the operating budget, capital expense budget, and funding sources with resulting total expense reduction.
 - AC voted to advance the recommended changes to be presented to the BOS and TA.
- Draft ATM Warrant Articles Discussion, referencing Version 7 from 4/10/2017
 - AC member John Shipman reviewed the draft articles that have not reached consensus: operating budget, sign bylaws, fincom bylaw, environmental

committee, OPEB, building emergency maintenance/infrastructure stabilization. Goal is to have a consensus before the 4/24 AC Public Hearing

- Fincom article to be left undetermined, due to COI

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next AC meeting is Tuesday April 18 ; joint BOS/AC

Handouts and Referenced Documents

- Planning board before/after sign bylaw side-by-side comparison document
- AC Member George Handy worksheets for revenue and levy, operating budget, and capital budget

Minutes recorded by Wayne M. Adams, AC Member