

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA
Princeton Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2017

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

Advisory Committee Agenda

- AC Public Hearing Draft ATM Warrant and the included Article
- Other new business

Meeting started at 5:00 PM

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- Draft ATM Warrant Articles Discussion, referencing draft published on town website 4/21
 - Citizen questions and discussions covered the current budget articles and topics of roadway construction, infrastructure stabilization, and WRSD
 - George Handy referenced budget analysis documents prepared 2 weeks ago that detailed suggested recommendations to reduce the town budget and to not increase the town taxes.
 - Citizen questions and discussions covered future budget years, debt, and public building capital expenses. These topics, though valid concerns for the town are not part of the FY18 Warrant. Town does plan to pursue its Community Compact for future town building infrastructure
 - Clarifications were made on projected income should Princeton award a CATV franchise agreement to Charter.
 - Discussion was had about the future of Capital Planning in the town, which board or committee is responsible for it.
- Public discussion exhausted all new topics for discussion. AC understood the questions and discussions just had, and had enough information to make voted recommendations. AC moved to vote a recommendation for each warrant article.
 - The vote summary is as follows (Yes -No-Abstain):
 - Approved, unanimously, 6-0-0
 - Articles
1,2,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,27
 - Approved, not unanimously
 - Article 3, Operating Budget , 4-2-0
 - Article 9, OPEB Fund Amount , 4-1-1
 - Article 15, Building Emergency Fund Amount, 4-2-0
 - Article 16, Sell Idle Land and Related Fees , Fee Source, 5-1-0
 - Article 29, Establish Environmental Action Committee, 5-0-1
 - Not Approved
 - Article 26, Sign Bylaw Changes, 2-4-0
 - Abstained
 - Article 28, New Finance Committee Bylaws, 0-0-6

- AC discussed how to have its recommendations reflected during ATM, including on the printed/posted warrant, on the screen projecting the motion and or announced by the moderator. Town Administrator stated that the printed and electronically posted ATM would only reflect the vote outcome and not the vote tally.
 - Motion made: AC to request the BOS to consider including the vote tally.
 - Seconded.
 - Motion failed to pass, 3-3-0
 - Motion made: AC to request BOS/TA to include the vote tally with the projected motion and for the moderator to announce the vote tally after a motion is made.
 - Seconded
 - Motion passed , 4-1-1
- John Shipman to communicate the Article votes and the Tally motion votes to Town Administrator. John Shipman and Town Administrator to communicate with Town Moderator the Tally motion vote and the details for the motion to be projected, and the moderator to announce.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Next AC meetings: May 9, as part of ATM

Handouts and Referenced Documents

- Public posted draft version 4/21 ATM Warrant
- George Handy budget analysis and recommendations including summary sheet, operating budget and capital expense budget.

Minutes recorded by Wayne M. Adams, AC Member