

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA
Princeton Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2017

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

Advisory Committee Agenda

- Approve previous meeting minutes
- Joint meeting with BOS and TA – review FY18 budget and draft ATM warrant
- Other new business

Meeting started at 5:00 PM

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- Budget Discussion
 - BOS and AC discussed the WRSD budget request. AC was not in favor of the lines items for Operations and Transportation. AC also to make request, again, to WRSD to receive budget aligned to the 11 line items DESE budgets to.
 - TA led a discussion through the Operating Expense Budget and highlighted changes. TA led a discussion through the Capital Expense Budget and highlighted two scenarios with emphasis on the minimum funding proposals. TA led a discussion through the draft Revenue Expense Budget and highlighted items to be added and adjusted. BOS Stan Moss discussed calculations to changes in the average homeowner tax bill for any increase FY18 over FY17.
 - Discussion about ambulance receipts and the lack of effective collections. Questions about what is collected and outstanding, to plan for the line-item in the budget. Town to change agency to handle ambulance bills and collections.
 - Discussion for facility capital expenses encompassed considerations for safety and repairs in FY18 while a FY18 feasibility study would be carried out for FY19 recommended improvements.
 - AC detailed observations per budget section, for fy15-18 y-o-y growth percentages. (See referenced document by AC member George Handy)
 - BOS Jon Fudeman led a discussion about Road Construction and Improvement should be a Capital Expense and not an Operating Expense.
 - AC to do more budget analysis, review draft ATM Warrant, and convene special meetings to prep for future joint BOS/AC meetings. Next AC meeting planned for 3/30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Handouts and Referenced Documents

- Draft Warrant Article 3/27 version
- Draft Operating Budget, version 3/24
- Draft Capital Expense Budget, version 3/27
- Draft Capital Expense Budget, version 12/18/2016
- Draft Revenue Budget, version 3/27
- Quick calculations on home owner tax bills effects for an increased budget
- AC Committee budget observations fy15-fy18 prepared by AC member George Handy

Minutes recorded by Wayne M. Adams, AC Member