

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA
Princeton Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2018

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

AC members absent: Bill Lawton

BOS members in attendance: Jon Fudeman, Edie Morgan, Richy Bisk, TA Nina Nazarian

Facility Steering Committee members in attendance: Chris Conway, Karen Cruise, Steve Mirick, Larry Todd, Mary Jo Wojtusik

Joint FSC, BOS and Advisory Committee (AC) Agenda – 7:00PM

- Information session on the FSC work to date, future work items, options and town financing

Meeting Minutes

Joint Meeting Started at 7:00PM

- FSC led a discussion detailing the draft JWA facility study that encompasses options and costs for a future town building roadmap based on town facility space requirements and options for the current portfolio of town facilities Bagg Hall, Town Annex, Fire and Police Building, and Princeton Center; and options for current facility renovation and new facility construction.
- FSC has held several public sessions to listen to citizen needs in addition to the JWA department head and FSC committee interviews. There is a range of opinions for the priorities of where to start, what to renovate, and what to build new.
- In town, an ad-hoc committee of town residents projected possible borrowing scenarios for facilities work, while staying within DLS best practices and what the town residents may find acceptable. The projections can meet some of the JWA recommendations over a period of time, but not all of the recommendations.
- Opinions and views were shared about facility priorities, taxpayer tolerance for increased taxes, town culture, and whether the town should invest in short-term remedies (that cost less) to defer taking on a number of larger investments for facilities with a longer useful life.
- FSC plans to hold a public information session on Saturday February 3rd to include public presentation and facilities tours. 9:30am meet and tour the public safety complex and Bagg Hall, 10:30 to 12 presentation, questions, and open discussion in the annex.
- FSC will continue to work with JWA to price out revised options for new construction and for renovation of existing facilities. A final report will be prepared and delivered as part of the project. Once the full set of estimated cost projections and options are provided by JWA, and town resident opinions are quantified then a con
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merged time-phased master plan that fits town budget and taxpayer priorities can be prepared and voted on at either ATM or a STM after May ATM.

Upcoming AC meetings

BOS, TA, and Dept Heads with AC, Town Hall Annex:

Monday, January 22nd at 7:30 PM, a regular Selectboard meeting night

Monday, January 29th at 2 PM

Optional FSC public session for town residents, Saturday, February 3rd, 9:30am-12N

Handouts and Referenced Documents

- FSC town website where JWA presentations are posted :
http://www.town.princeton.ma.us/Pages/PrincetonMA_BComm/facilitiessteer
- Latest FSC report:
http://www.town.princeton.ma.us/Pages/PrincetonMA_WebDocs/JWAPresent.pdf

Minutes recorded by Wayne M. Adams, AC Member