

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA
Princeton Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 7th, 2018

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

AC members absent: none

Advisory Committee (AC) Agenda

- Discuss FY19 ATM Warrant May 15th 2018
- AC Public Hearing for FY19 ATM Warrant May 15th 2018

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Started at 6:00 PM

George Handy provided an analysis of the FY19 budget reflecting operating budget and special articles as presented. The analysis included an alternative way to fund the budget and have less impact on the tax levy. The net result would be to keep the Tax Levy within a not to exceed 2.5% increase, reflecting the guidance and report made to the SB with the 4/30 AC report.

AC meeting recessed at 7:05PM to conduct AC Public Hearing, Hearing started at 7:05PM. In addition to town residents, Town leadership in attendance included Selectboard members Edie Morgan and Richy Bisk; Town Moderator Harry Pape; Town Administrator Nina Nazarian; Facilities Steering Committee Members Karen Cruise, Mary Jo, and Chris Conway; Road Advisory Committee Bill Holder; Fire Department Chief John Bennett.

Many discussion points and recommendations by the Hearing attendees were made.

Following is a brief summary:

- Facilities Steering Committee detailed the articles and rationale in the Warrant. FSC answered questions about prefab buildings, the timeline to implement all the building plans (as found in the JWA final report), duration of the funding/financing.
- Recommendation that each article have a tax impact statement, if passed
- Recommendation that Mechanics Hall be sold without restrictions
- Road Advisory Committee explained the article for Rt 140 land easements and property transfers
- Town Administrator looking for better ways to present Article 3, operating budget
- FSC Chris Conway gave a professional opinion to the costs to repair the town gazebo
- Clarification for the community space/Council on Aging total costs given the operating budget expenses and the new leasing expenses.

AC Public Hearing ended at 8:05PM. AC meeting resumed recessed meeting at 8:05PM.

AC voted recommendations for articles 1-24, following are the final decisions

Warrant Article Number	Advisory Committee Decision	Adv Com. Vote: Yes, No, Abstain	Warrant Article Number	Advisory Committee Decision	Adv Com. Vote: Yes, No, Abstain
1	Approve	7,0,0	13	Approve	7,0,0
2	Approve	7,0,0	14	Approve	7,0,0
3	Approve	4,3,0	15	Approve	4,3,0
4	Approve	4,3,0	16	Approve	7,0,0
5	Approve	7,0,0	17	Approve	4,3,0
6	Approve	5,2,0	18	Approve	7,0,0
7	Approve	5,2,0	19	Approve	4,3,0
8	Approve	4,3,0	20	Approve	7,0,0
9	Approve	4,3,0	21	Approve	5,2,0
10	Approve	4,3,0	22	Approve	7,0,0
11	Approve	4,3,0	23	Approve	7,0,0
12	Not Approve	1,6,0	24	Approve	7,0,0

During the course of article votes:

Article 7 and 8 were reconsidered for vote

Article 7 Original vote 3-Y, 4-N, 0-A

Article 7 to Reconsider 4-Y, 2-N, 1-A

Article 7 Revised Vote 5-Y, 2-N, 0-A

Article 8 Original vote 5-Y, 1-N, 0-A

Article 8 to Reconsider 6-Y, 1-N, 0-A

Article 8 Revised Vote 4-Y, 3-N, 0-A

Article 4, contained a series of recurring expense items labeled A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H

Article 4 items B, C, D were motioned to be held-out for a separate vote

Vote 3-Y, 4-N, 0-A , motion failed

Article 4 considered passed for A through H , 4-Y, 3-N, 0-A

AC meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Upcoming AC meetings

- May 15th, AC meeting pre ATM, 6:30PM , at TPS
- May 15th ATM, 7PM, at TPS

Handouts and Referenced Documents

- Draft Town FY19 Warrant
- George Handy budget analysis and funding sources , 5/7
- AC report to SB, 4/30

Minutes recorded by Wayne M. Adams, AC Member