

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA
Princeton Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019

AC members in attendance: Wayne Adams, Judy Dino, Bill Lawton, George Handy (until 7:30), Helga Lyons and Mary Jo Wojtusik

Absent: Krista Penning

Nina Nazarian, Town Administrator was also in attendance.

Advisory Committee (AC) Agenda

Review Draft Town Warrant

Approve Minutes from previous AC meeting(s)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 6:02 PM

Review Draft Warrant

Highlight recent changes (Town Administrator)

- Budget is a 2.9% increase over last year. Select Board want to not exceed 3.0% while also putting more money into infrastructure stabilization funds (shovel-ready for public safety building). The amount of money allocated to infrastructure stabilization will depend on the available free cash.
- Helga pointed out that the Debt Service on the Budget Summary is different than the Debt Exclusion on the Revenue Projection sheet. TA will get back to us.
- There was discussion of a new item in budget for Lease/Renovation/Relocation for Town Hall departments during Bagg Hall repairs.
- SB agreed to include \$5k in the Parks&Rec budget for field maintenance.
- There was discussion regarding the Highway Department budget and the replacement of the old Mack truck.
- The SB decided to not add \$25k to \$350k Roads budget as originally suggested.
- There was clarification of the Bagg Hall debt (stabilization project). Originally, there was \$11k in the FY20 budget and it have been revised to \$32,350 because the project is starting sooner than originally anticipated. The project is to be funded with a 10-year loan. Next year, the amount increases to \$146. There was suggestion put forward by the AC regarding trying to carve out more money this year to meet next year's obligation. Also, there was discussion regarding how we inform the Town that there are obligations in the budgets for the coming year and that a 5-

year capital plan and 5-year forecast/operating budget is needed.

- The AC has until the morning of May 2nd to finalize recommendations. AC Public Hearing is May 1st.
- Identified Articles on the Warrant that may change between now and the Public Hearing – Articles 12, 13, 21 (may get more information), 23 (amount may change), and 27.

Approve of meeting minutes from April 10th

Minutes approved: Yes-4, No-0, Abstain: 1

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 pm.

Minutes recorded by Mary Jo Wojtusik, AC Member