

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Chairman -Alan Sentkowski, Members - Raymond Dennehy and Joe O'Brien and Town Administrator - Dennis Rindone.

FY07 Warrant #14

The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and vendor warrants from the Treasurer & Accountant.

Minutes:

December 26, 2006 Regular Meeting – Alan made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Joe seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

December 26, 2006 Executive Session – Alan made a motion to accept minutes not to be released at this time. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

Chapter 40 Section 8C – Conservation Trust Account

The Board discussed the Conservation Trust Account and the John Hitchcock Fund. Both accounts can be used to purchase land.

Proposal for Continued Test at Public Safety Building Area

Dennis received a proposal of \$6K per year for annual testing for Public Safety building and dump site. One additional round of testing is needed at the Public Safety building.

Boylston Cemetery Update

Arbor Scapes will drop all 3 trees for \$1,500 and an abutter will remove all debris. Dennis expects it to be complete by Memorial Day.

Paint Interior of Town Hall

Color is still being decided. The goal is to make it more cheerful and historic looking. The rug will also be replaced.

Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting is schedule for February 15th. Dennis will get draft master plan from Judy.

Brackett & Lucas Representation

Brackett & Lucas are representing Gallo in a West Boylston matter. The Board discussed allowing the firm to represent Princeton on the Bentley project. Joe made a motion to allow Brackett & Lucas to represent the town regarding development of the Bentley property by Gallo Builders and or Fox Hill Builders Inc. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).
The Board signed the document for consent.

Wachusett Earthday Efforts

Colleen Abrams, coordinator for Wachusett Earthday presented an overview of the plan to provide a collections site. A pool of money from each of the six towns according to the population as an initial start-up will cost Princeton approximately \$3K. The Board expressed concern about the cost to Princeton residents and wants to understand the financial implications

now and in the future. Dennis will check into the BOH revolving account as a possible resource for funding.

FY08 Budget

- Insurance liability is down between \$2-3K.
- \$58,760 (2.1%) increase in town operations over FY07.
- Town may use excess levy capacity for the first time.
- Debt exclusion totaled \$242,120.

FY08-FY12 CIP Summary

Dennis added \$25K for a generator and will only purchase one approved by John Fitch.

Community Appreciation Award

Alan made a motion to establish and set up a 3 member committee to support the Princeton Community Appreciation Award as presented. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0)

Regional Selectmen’s Meeting – January 31st

Agenda topics:

- Regional Health Insurance
- CMRPC
- MORE
- New Business Round Table

Meet with Planning Board and ZBA

Zoning By-law Section VII, 2B:

The boards discussed whether or not to change the by-law in cases that do not further non-conformance. The Select Board requests building Inspector and ZBA meet to discuss possibility of developing a less burdensome process in cases that do not further non-conformance and report back with results.

MGL Chapter 39 Section 23 D – Adjudicator Hearing:

Recent state law highly recommend by Town Counsel prevents members from “voting disqualification by attendance” when absent from a single session of the hearing as long as the member certifies in writing he received and reviewed all missing information. This will be placed on a warrant for acceptance at town meeting.

Sam Cobb Lane Extension

Raymond made a motion to accept proposal from Dave Nichols for Sam Cobb Lane Extension to become a public way. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

The Planning Board will provide a report and the acceptance process will begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. All were in favor. (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary