

**Town of Princeton, MA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Regular Meeting  
February 20, 2007**

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

**FY07 Warrant #17**

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

**Minutes**

*February 5, 2007- Regular Meeting* – Alan made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Raymond seconded. All in favor (2-0).

*February 5, 2007- Executive Session* - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes not to be released at this time. Raymond seconded. All in favor (2-0).

**Land Preservation Study Committee**

The Board will discuss during their February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Joe will be present at that time.

**Road Discussion**

The Board reviewed correspondence regarding the status of Roper and Lyons Rd. Roper is believed to be a discontinued road. The Town Clerk is the only one who can certify whether or not a road is discontinued. Alan will work with the Town Clerk tomorrow and go through the records to determine the status.

**Meet with Senator Harriett Chandler**

Senator Chandler met with the Board to discuss the budget process that is just beginning. The two major concerns are health care expense and revenue to towns. The idea of providing individual towns with the option of adding a restaurant and hotel tax was discussed. The Board feels this is not a solution and expressed concern additional tax would be burdensome. It would increase the cost of doing business and create disparity among towns. The towns provide a lot of revenue to the state and very little comes back.

An estimated 3% decrease in lottery money during 2006 will have a significant impact on the budget. School funding is a major issue. The Board suggests the state look to other states to improve the current formula.

The Senator is meeting with the Ways and Means Committee next week and will stress Chapter 70 and Pilot at that time. Dennis will provide her with specific requests for the town.

The Board thanked her for helping with the Library exterior renovation project.

**Acceptance of Country Lane as a Public Way**

The Planning Board will review and provide a report back to the Board.

**Acceptance of Sam Cobb Lane a Public Way**

The acceptance of Sam Cobb Lane as a public way is all set & will be on an Annual Town Meeting warrant.

**Resignation Letter**

Mark Hazelton has resigned from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Committee members will be asked to recommend a new person.

**Memorial Day Correspondence**

Dennis sent an invitation to Commander Walter L. Churchey and the Sterling American Legion Post 189 requesting their presence as Honor Guard in the town parade.

**Brooks Station Road Tree Hearing Correspondence**

Dennis sent Mass Highway a packet with information on saving the trees requested by residents and the Tree Warden.

**Other Business**

March Selectmen's meetings will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Dennis will be on vacation during the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Employee Longevity Plan Proposal**

The proposal is for a one time new expense of \$2,500 in the budget. The Board will discuss further during the next meeting.

**FY08 Mileage Rate**

After considering the federal mileage rate and rates for surrounding towns, Alan moved to raise Princeton's mileage reimbursement rate from .30 cents to .40 cents per mile. Raymond seconded. All in favor (2-0).

**Special Town Meeting Warrant Draft #1 & Annual Town Meeting Warrant Draft #1**

The Board reviewed the draft documents for the May 15, 2007 Annual Town Meeting. Alan moved to increase the FY07 spending limit in the Salary & Expense Account for the Building Department from \$55,000 to \$66,000. Raymond seconded. All in favor (2-0). Alan moved to increase the FY07 spending limit in the Salary & Expense Account for the Board of Health from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Raymond seconded. All in favor (2-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. All were in favor (2-0).

At 7:00 PM the Board met with the Advisory Board and School Committee to discuss the FY08 Budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenda Savoie  
Administrative Secretary