

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2007**

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

Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Presentation

Irene Congdon from Mass DEP presented the PAYT program to the Select Board and the Board of Health. It is a waste reduction program with 124 communities in Massachusetts currently participating in the program. PAYT is a voluntary program. The participant pays for each bag of trash disposed of (\$2.00 per bag), recycling is provided free of charge therefore the less waste produced the lower the cost.

DEP will pay \$4.00 to the town for each participating household during the start up phase to help offset administrative fees.

The Board thanked Irene for her time and will continue to explore this as well as other options for the town.

FY07 Warrant #18

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

Minutes

February 20, 2007- Regular Meeting – Alan made a motion to accept the minutes. Raymond seconded. Joe abstained due to his absence on the 20th. All in favor (2-0).

February 21, 2007- Meeting with Advisory Board & WRSD Committee – Alan made a motion to accept. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

February 21, 2007- Executive Session - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Police Cruiser

Chief Charlie Schmohl met with the Board and explained that the patrol car lost in the accident needs to be replaced ASAP. A replacement vehicle is on an article for Annual Town Meeting approval in May, however with only one other patrol car it would be difficult for the Police Department to wait. The Chief is seeking approval to purchase the replacement vehicle now and continue with the lease option in the event that voters defeat the article at town meeting. The lease will allow the vehicle to be returned if necessary.

Joe made a motion to allow Chief Schmohl to go forward with replacing the patrol vehicle based on the lease agreement and Town Meeting vote. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Town Administrator 2006 Performance Appraisal

Alan met with Dennis and reviewed his 2006 goals. In all areas Dennis has met or exceeded the goals that had been set by the Board. Dennis has done and continues to do an excellent job. The Board will set goals for Dennis in the near future and begin the shift from calendar year to fiscal year.

Special Town Meeting Warrant Draft #2 & Annual Town Meeting Warrant Draft #2

The Board reviewed the draft documents for the May 15, 2007 Annual Town Meeting. They will meet with the Advisory Board to answer questions and/or clarify articles.

Land Preservation Study Committee

The 7-member committee will consist of 3 citizens-at-large and 1 member from the following:

- Conservation Commission
- Planning Board
- Open Space
- Princeton Land Trust

Community Volunteer Award

The Board will appoint a 3 member nominating committee and in the meantime will serve as the committee. The deadline to order plaques is April 14th.

Mass Highway Letter

The Board reviewed the letter regarding the use of calcium chloride for the Brooks Station Road project. Since this is not standard practice for Mass Highway there may be an additional fee. Although it is more expensive, Princeton uses calcium chloride in the roads because it makes them last longer.

Resignation/Appointment

Judith Kalloch resigned as liaison to the Open Space Committee.

Alan made a motion to appoint David Caporello to serve as liaison to the Open Space Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2008. Joe seconded. All in favor. (3-0).

Other Business

Joe proposed a non-binding resolution to give WRSC direction on the suggestions of Select Boards in the region with regard to size. Joe will work with Joe Sullivan to draft document and submit to the other towns for the review.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary