

**Town of Princeton, MA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Regular Meeting  
April 30, 2007**

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**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.**

**FY07 Warrant #22**

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

**Mercury Recovery Program**

Terri Longtine reviewed the Mercury Recovery Program sponsored by Wheelabrator. The town will receive a free 8' x 8' storage shed valued at \$1,600.00 for participating in the program. Raymond expressed concern about the possibility of mercury leaking into the ground. Terri explained that the containers being used are specifically designed for mercury disposal and then go into a 5-gallon pail for additional protection. At this time the program is for town buildings only, it may be open to residents at a later date.

**Minutes**

*April 16, 2007- Regular Meeting* – Joe made a motion to accept the minutes. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

**Arlington Cemetery Funeral Report**

Dennis attended Captain Sullivan's funeral. He said it was very sad and moving and brought some closure to the family and community.

**Gold Star Mothers Luncheon**

Dennis attended the Convention Luncheon to honor mothers of military soldiers from Vietnam, Beirut, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War.

**Support for the Guard & Reserve**

The Board reviewed a request to sign a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve with regard to employment policy. The request will be referred to the Personnel Board.

**Longevity Plan**

Dennis talked with the Personnel Board and they feel the bonus should be separate from base pay. It should be a way to recognize the employee. Alan made a motion to go with the request of the Personnel Board. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

**ATM Motions and Printed Warrant**

Dennis will update pages with changes and post the updated numbers. Joe made a motion to reduce the amount of appropriation for roads from \$350,000 to \$175,000. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0). This will allow the Board to go to Town Meeting with a balanced budget.

**New WSRD Assessment Letter**

The revised FY08 assessment for Princeton is \$4,470,046.00, which includes \$166,963 in debt-excluded assessments. Additional changes are possible and will be posted.

At 5:40 PM Alan moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of land. All were in favor (3-0).

The Executive Session was closed at 6:40 PM and the Board returned to the regular meeting

**Zoning By-law Section VII, 2B**

The Board met with the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, and Building Inspector to discuss legal opinion regarding non-conforming structures. If the proposed change does not increase non-conformance of the structure the owner is not required to get a special permit. The ZBA feels those cases are at the discretion of the Building Inspector. Any situation that would increase non-conformance would be referred to the ZBA. It was mutually agreed by the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Inspector that this is a fair interpretation of the by-law.

**Land Preservation Committee Appointments**

The purpose of the committee is to review and recommend different options for the preservation of land, the means to provide conservation restriction and to rate various parcel of land for preservation value to the town based on established criteria.

Alan moved to appoint the following residents to the Land Preservation Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2008. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

- Karen F. Rosso
- Peter R. Weis
- Andrew Brown
- Jeffery O. Richards
- David Krashes
- Tom R. Daly
- Daeg Brenner
- Wallace Whitney
- Domonic Gold

The Board thanked the members for their time and willingness to serve on the valuable and greatly needed committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. All were in favor (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenda Savoie  
Administrative Secretary