

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
June 11, 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.

Board Reorganization

Alan moved to nominate Joe to serve as chairman for the next year. Raymond seconded. All in favor. (3-0)

FY07 Warrant #25

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

6/19/07 Retreat

The retreat will be held at Wachusett Village Inn from 3 PM to 8PM. The Board will work on short and long term goals. Agenda items will be submitted to Dennis via email. Alan suggested they start with reviewing last year's goals and discuss what they'd like to accomplish in FY08. Goals for FY08 will be set.

Minutes

May 29, 2007- Regular Meeting – Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes. Joe seconded. Alan abstained due to his absence on that date (2-0).

Annual Appointment List

The Board reviewed the Appointment List. Alan explained that when an appointee's term expires reappointment is not automatic. Dennis will check with Chief Charlie Schmol to clarify whether he is appointed annually or otherwise.

Master Plan & Implementation Committee

The Master Plan Steering Committee is complete and will be finalized effective 6/30/07. It will be replaced with the Implementation Committee who will be charged with implementing the Master Plan. The Select Board will appoint members and will provide the list to the Planning Board. They will serve as a liaison between the Planning and Select Boards. A coordinator may be appointed instead of a chairperson. The Board would like Dennis to be the person responsible for seeing the Master Plan through completion.

Planning Board Request to Change STM Date

The Planning Board informed Dennis they cannot meet the September STM date and requested a change to November. Judi will send the Planning Board a draft of the revised bylaws and Dennis will have copies available at the Town Hall and Library. The Planning Board will schedule the public hearing as a warrant posing regarding the acceptance of the Master Plan to town. The tentative date for the November meeting is Wednesday the 14th.

June Schedule

The Board reviewed the June schedule. The Board will meet with PMLD on June 13th. Future Board meetings will be held on June 25th, July 9th, and July 23rd.

WSRD Special Assessment- Paxton

Princeton was the sole town that passed the assessment for \$75,000 for windows for Paxton. Paxton removed the amount from their assessment at town meeting, as did the other towns. Dennis recommends Princeton rescind the vote, otherwise it will affect the tax rate. Dennis will let the Board know why Paxton removed the amount from their assessment. There was discussion about changing the agreement of regional assessment and it may be an agenda item for the next Regional Selectmen's meeting.

Reserve Fund Transfer

Alan moved to transfer from the Reserve Fund account #01-5-132-780 in accordance with the provision of MA General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6 as follows:

\$2,488.39 to account #03-5-420-201 Environmental Clean Up account for the purpose to pay Tighe & Bond for services rendered for ground water testing at the Public Safety building complex. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Alan moved to transfer from the Reserve Fund account #01-5-132-780 in accordance with the provision of MA General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6 as follows:

\$3,200.00 to account #03-5-420-201- Environmental Clean Up account - to be possibly used for start up costs to participate with Wachusett Earthday. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Dennis received a second notice from Roof Scan for a \$2,500.00 bill. He called TPS and was informed that they paid for a \$2800.00 septic repair that was the town's responsibility, therefore the town should pay for the roof survey. Raymond commented the school should have notified the town first before paying the bill. Dennis will notify the school that in the future any bills that are town responsibility must go through him as Town Administrator.

Alan moved to transfer from the Reserve Fund account #01-5-132-780 in accordance with the provision of MA General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6 as follows:

\$2,500.00 to Town Building Maintenance account #03-5-192-204 for the purpose to pay the school roof infrared survey completed on May 5, 2007 by Roof Scan. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Walpole Board of Selectmen Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter of concern from the Walpole Selectmen regarding "Unfriendly 40B" projects. Walpole requests Princeton join them in notifying legislators and asking them to suspend the part of the law that allows for unfriendly 40B applications.

Alan moved to send a letter in support of Walpole to the legislators with regard to unfriendly 40B projects. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee discussed the 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan. Jeff Richards explained that it is tied in with the Master Plan and the trail link is a key part. The Committee requests letters of support from the town Boards by the end of June in order to submit to the Director of Conservation Services and be eligible for a grant.

Alan moved to write a letter of support to the 2007 Town of Princeton Open Space and Recreation Plan as presented. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

PMLD Meeting

In order to improve meeting efficiency, Dennis will provide John Fitch will all information in advance and will request John do the same

Other Business

- Alan or Raymond will attend the WRSC meeting on June 21st
- The Board received a gracious thank you letter from Cindy Shea of Hearts for Heat for nominating her “woman of the year.”
- There was discussion about this year being one of the best Memorial Day celebrations thanks to the Memorial Day Committee and Patsy Mollica.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. All were in favor (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary