

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
September 4, 2007**

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

FY08 Warrant #6

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

Minutes

August 20, 2007- Regular Meeting – Alan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Suburban Coalition Correspondence

The Board reviewed the correspondence and agreed that no action will be taken at this time.

Town Building Annual Boiler Service & Repairs Update

Dennis reported that all boilers have been checked and repairs have been completed.

Trash Options Update

Dennis and Terri Longtine met with Casella and plan to meet with other haulers in the near future.

Library Project Update

The state has the money but has not yet released it to the town. The work will not begin until the money is released.

Tree Hearing – Joe Lee, Tree Warden

The Tree Hearing opened at 5:15 PM. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapter 77 of the Mass General Laws regarding the removal of 3 trees on Houghton Road and 53 trees on Wilson Road.

Joe Lee explained that the 3 trees on Houghton Road obstruct the road and cause road washout. No one from the public commented on the removal of the 3 trees. Alan moved to approve the removal of tress number 1, 2, and 3 on Houghton Road. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Residents on Wilson Road expressed concern with the removal of the 53 trees on Wilson Road. Sarah Davis and Jean Harris submitted written statements expressing their concerns. Other residents also voiced concerns about the removal of so many trees.

It was decided that the Select Board will meet with residents on Wilson Road to view and discuss the trees in question. The meeting will take place on September 11, 2007 at 5 PM on Wilson Road.

Alan moved to continue the hearing to September 17, 2007. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0). The hearing was closed at 5:50 pm.

At 5:50 PM the Board agreed to enter into Executive Session with the Advisory Board and Craig MacDonnell to discuss the purchase of land. All in favor (3-0).

At 6:15 PM the Board returned to Regular Meeting.

Purchase of Land

Joe explained that the Trust for Public Land (TPL) reached an agreement with Gallo to purchase the Bentley-Gallo parcel. All information relating to this purchase is now public and Executive Session minutes have been released.

Craig presented some of the specifics of the Purchase and Sale:

- Approximately 45 acres to be sold to as a limited development area with approximately 8-12 houses and part of that area will be considered as Conservation Restriction
- 7 acres to the Princeton Land Trust (PLT)
- 90 acres to DCR to be classified as State Forest
- 25 acres to the Town

The money to purchase the land has been calculated as follows:

- \$500,000 - Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
- \$500,000 - DCR
- \$500,000 - Private – raised through donations
- \$100,000 – Trust Account
- \$400,000 - Town – long term borrowing
- \$1,000,000 – Sale of limited development area

TPL will be responsible for dividing the land and presenting it to the Planning Board.

Bids

Road Reconstruction:

- Alan moved to accept the bid of E.H. Perkins of \$338,914.50 for road reconstruction of Birchwood, Redwood, Pinewood, Havenwood, and Sharon Road. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Route 140 Culvert Repair:

- Raymond moved to accept the bid of Spinelli Development Corporation of \$49,935.00 for the repairs of the route 140 culvert. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Appointments

Dennis recommended the following people to serve on the Master Plan Implementation Committee:

- Mike Latka
- Leslie Fanger
- Ann Littlefield
- Patty Gates

Alan moved to accept the appointments as presented, all with a term to expire on September 4, 2008. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Other residents were interested in serving on the committee and those not appointed will be called upon to assist.

Generator

The generator arrived, has been unloaded and placed at Thomas Prince School. Dennis will attend a meeting on Thursday and will discuss fuel tanks and other steps to install the generator. The goal is to have it properly installed by the winter.

Employee BBQ

The Employee BBQ will be held on September 19, 2007. At that time longevity checks will also be presented.

BOH Agricultural Regulations

The regulations have been approved and finalized. Dennis commends the BOH for their hard work on this project.

MMMA

Dennis is pleased that Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Amico, U.S. Army Casualty Officer will be a guest speaker at the meeting on October 18, 2007 with the MMMA.

Notice of Non-Compliance

Dennis explained that wells with good results were taken off line and that the DEP does not approve of this process. In order to comply, the wells are now being tested again.

Kenneth Pickard Award Program

Hearts for Heat will be submitted for this award.

Commonwealth Capital Application

The application has been submitted on time. Dennis will draft a memo to the Planning Board explaining the overall scoring.

Brackett & Lucas - Town Counsel – Chapter 61 Land Procedures

The Board reviewed a letter from Gary Brackett with regard to Chapter 61. There was discussion about whether applicants are automatically out of Chapter 61 if they stop applying. Dennis will check with Gary.

Other Business

The Board signed a letter to the Governor expressing support for Park Maintenance and PILOT. Assessors are working on the FY08 tax rate and will be invited to a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary