

**Town of Princeton, MA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Regular Meeting  
October 1, 2007**

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**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 #7**

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

**Minutes**

*September 17, 2007- Regular Meeting* – Alan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

**Massachusetts Municipal Managers Meeting**

The agenda has been finalized. Secretary Kelly will attend the meeting and has requested to be on the agenda. He is one of only two Medal of Honor recipients in the state.

**Employee Barbecue Thank You Notes**

The Board read thank you notes from Sharon Soucy and Wendy Pape on behalf of the Library staff.

**Longevity Plan**

The Personnel Board approved the language from the personnel policy.

There was discussion about where the longevity bonus should be in the budget. Further discussion will take place in the future.

**Nashua River Watershed**

James DeNormandy and Al Futterman provided a GIS presentation on maps that prioritize properties within Princeton that identify surface and ground water. Their work is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The results for Princeton were typical for the area and James explained that Princeton is in a very good position to begin to preserve priority parcels. A letter will be sent to high priority property owners inviting them to a future meeting.

**Rt.140 Speeding Issue**

Phil and Sheila Mighdoll are concerned about speeding on Redemption Rock Trail section of Rte 140. The area is currently posted at 40 mph and Phil would like to see it drop to 30 mph. Chief Charles Schmohl explained that the state has a standard and curves, hills and accidents all come into play when posting speed limits. The town could post yellow advisory signs to reduce speeds, however it would be unenforceable. There was also discussion about posting four "Thickly Settled" signs. Chief Schmohl will go out and meet with Phil and discuss further and report back to the Board.

**STM – Final Warrant**

Alan moved to sign the final warrant for the October 30, 2007 Special Town Meeting. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0). The Board signed the warrant.

**FY08 Tax Rate**

The tax rate has been set and bills will be mailed out on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a .78-cent increase over last year.

**Cost Analysis**

Judi Barrett will provide a final draft of the cost of services and how the development of the former Bentley property will impact the town.

**TPS Generator Update**

Dennis and Joe met with school officials to discuss fuel tanks. Two four hundred gallon tanks are on order and will go in a fenced area. The generator should be up and running by winter.

**TPS School Roof Update**

The district plans to have a bid opening on October 12<sup>th</sup> for the repairs. An architect is looking at roof #5.

**Library Project Update**

The money from the state is available. The town will go forward with borrowing after the bidding is complete.

**Winter Sand Bid**

Alan moved to award the winter sand bid to Pitcherville Sand & Gravel for \$10.50 per ton delivered, or \$5.50 per ton FOB. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

**Other Business**

Joe will draft a letter with regard to downsizing the school committee and amending the agreement.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenda Savoie  
Administrative Secretary