

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2007**

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

FY09 Wage Study

The Personnel Board discussed the FY09 wage study with the Board. The Consultant felt the job descriptions were well written and organized. Health insurance options and the longevity program are strong in comparison to other towns. The Personnel Board recommends pay scales be adjusted each year according to COLA, even if increases are not given. They unanimously accepted the final report and recommend the study be implemented every four years with neighboring towns to share the expense. There was discussion about towns being compared with Princeton located to the west and considered to be those with higher income. The Personnel Board did take that into consideration and were careful to select towns similar to Princeton. Raymond moved to accept the FY09 Wage Report. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0). The Board thanked the Personnel Board for their work on the study.

FY08 Warrant #12

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

Minutes:

November 26, 2007 Regular Meeting – Alan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

Wachusett Earthday Update

Princeton representative Arthur Allen and Chairman, Collen Abrams provided the Board with an update.

- Wachusett Earthday received a \$50,000 grant towards the development of the recycling center site on Legg Road. It is estimated to cost \$300,000.00 to fully develop the site. Towns in the region will be responsible for \$150,000.00 and the remainder is expected to come from additional grants and private donations.
- The Board requests notification of the amount Princeton will be responsible for as soon as possible in order to budget properly. The amount for each town will be based on population. The early estimate for Princeton is \$20,000.00.

The Board thanked Arthur for representing Princeton well and acknowledged the committee has done a lot of work.

Conservation Restriction – Peter Brewer- Wheeler Road

John Mirick presented a plan on behalf of Peter Brewer to give PLT a 14.63 acre conservation restriction on his back land. Peter will keep 2.5 acres in front where his house is located. Alan moved to approve and sign the Conservation Restriction (CR) for 14.63 acres of land owned by Peter Brewer. The Board signed the document. Roger Leo of PLT also signed.

Conservation Restriction – Peter Brewer- Wheeler Road-continued

Discussion about land in CR still being on tax roll, however the amount assessed is based on the CR rate. PLT has taken on the responsibility of monitoring CR land. If PLT became inactive for any reason, another entity such as the Conservation Committee could take over.

Resignation

Alan moved to accept the registration of Shiela Dubman from the Advisory Board. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0). The Board appreciates her service and will write a letter of regret.

Committee Openings

There are openings for one member and two alternates on the Advisory Board. There are also two openings on the CIP.

February 26, 2008 STM Warrant

Joe moved to close the warrant on January 21, 2008 at 4:00 pm.

Town Plan Brochure Cover Letter

The Board signed the letter and the Planning Board will sign at their next meeting. The letter and brochure will be mailed in late January.

Worcester Transit Authority Letter

The Board reviewed correspondence requesting support in informing legislators of the need for change in WRTA funding.

Conservation Restriction – David & Barbara Krashes

The CR signed by the Board in November has a 30-foot change in road frontage. Joe moved to sign the updated document. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Final Report - Land Preservation Study Committee

The Board reviewed the final report and all agree it is superb. The Committee did an outstanding job. The report will be distributed and placed on the web page.

Joe moved to accept the report with gratitude and disband the Committee. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Other Business

The Ambulance Committee Report will be reviewed during the January 7th meeting.

Joe will meet with Dennis to discuss his performance appraisal. Feedback from Alan and Raymond will be provided.

At 7:00 pm the meeting was adjourned. All were in favor. (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary

