

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2008**

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

FY08 Warrant #15

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

Minutes:

January 7, 2008 Regular Meeting – Alan made a motion to accept the minutes. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

Wachusett Earth Day

Members Arthur Allen and Colleen Abrams asked for the support of the Board for a “Notice of Intent” for Princeton’s continued participation in the planning and site development of the Wachusett Earth Day facility. The Board is concerned that the cost appears to be a moving target. There was discussion about how the cost would increase for towns in support if one or two towns were to back out. Colleen said they don’t expect that to happen. The Board will have Town Counsel review the details.

Phase I- site clean up is estimated at \$300,000, Phase II – Building Construction at \$150,000.

The town of Holden has done the invoicing in the past, however Wachusett Earth Day plans to take care of it in the future.

Alan moved to sign the “Notice of Intent” to move forward with participation in Wachusett Earth Day. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Reserve Fund Transfer

Alan moved to approve the transfer of \$985.41 from the Reserve Fund account #01-5-132-978 in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 6, to the Town Bldg. Expense account #01-5-192-780 for the purpose of printing costs for the Town Plan Summary. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Presidential Primary Warrant

Alan moved to sign the warrant for the Presidential Primary State Election to be conducted on February 5, 2008 from 7-8 pm for the purpose of casting votes for members of the Democratic and Republican Committees. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Deficit Spending – Snow & Ice

Alan moved to approve deficit spending of snow and ice for the remainder of FY08. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Class II License Application Renewal

Alan moved to approve the Agent and Sellers Class II secondhand motor vehicle license to Town Line Garage, Inc. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

STM Warrant

Alan moved to sign the STM warrant, meeting to be held on February 26, 2008 at TPS. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Appointments

- **WMAC**- Alan moved to appoint Betsy D. Burbank of Westminster Road, to serve as alternate member on the WMAC with a term to expire on June 30, 2008. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).
- **CIP**- Alan moved to appoint Robert M. Paulson of Mirik Road, to serve as a member of the CIP with a term to expire on June 30, 2010. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).
- **Advisory Board**- Alan moved to appoint Andrew J. Cudmore of Ball Hill Road, to serve as an alternate member of the AB with a term to expire on June 30, 2008. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

FY09 Budget

The Board reviewed the budget. All agreed to notify WRSD that a 4.5% increase is the maximum the town is able to accept.

Wage Study

The board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept and adopt the wage study recommendations and the 75th percentile salary range to begin with the FY09 budget starting July 1, 2008.

Lew Evangelidis – House Docket #4651

Lew met with the Board to explain House Docket #4651. Lew explained that lottery money promised by the state to cities and towns was not given in 2003 and 2005. There is currently a \$2.2 billion surplus in the Rainy Day Fund and Lew is advocating on behalf of the cities and towns to return \$450 million. It would amount to \$177k for Princeton. Alan expressed concern the bill could jeopardize the MMA's proposal to revenue share with local communities. Currently 34% goes back and this proposal would amount to 40%. Alan is concerned about unintended consequences of this bill and will not support it. Both Joe and Raymond are in support of the bill and feel they would be remiss in their responsibilities if they didn't accept any extra funds available from the state for the community. Raymond moved to write a letter in support of the bill. Joe seconded. Two in favor, one opposed. (2-1).

Town Website Discussion

Town Clerk, Lynne Grettum has been researching vendors for a new and improved town website. She provided the Board with a handout highlighting details of the website project to date. After a comparison of three different vendors, Virtual Town Hall is the top choice. They are being used by a large number of municipalities, including most towns within the region. The Board discussed whether using Virtual Town Hall is more than Princeton needs. Lynne recommends they review the websites for Holden and Rutland before making a decision. The Board will discuss at the next meeting.

Other Business

The Town Plan brochure is complete and currently being printed. Mailing date is TBD. DCR Land Acquisition Public Notice – DCR requested the Board read, however they never sent the notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary