

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2008**

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

FY08 Warrant #18

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

Bentley Land Purchase

Kathy Sweeney addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Four Corners land purchase.

- The January 11th closing date has passed
- Land values have decreased
- Princeton's amount should be reduced
- Parties involved are different
- Private citizen is proposing to use the town land to grow nursery stock
- Trust for Public Land (TPL) has control of Princeton's portion
- It's unclear to what extent the BOS and Advisory Board are involved in the changes

Kathy asked the Board to allow time on the agenda during each meeting for the public to express their ideas and opinions to the Board.

The Board will consider Kathy's concerns and respond. They will also discuss allocating time on the agenda for public comment.

FY07 Audit Exit Conference

Tony Roselli of Roselli, Clark & Associates reviewed the FY07 Management Letter with the Board. Overall the town is doing a great job with record keeping.

- Ambulance receivables are not on the balance sheet, more communication is needed between the Fire Chief & Accountant.
- A process is in place to improve reconciliation of property tax receivables
- Town debt is very reasonable
- Accounts versus forecast are all favorable and the budget is managed effectively

Class II Agent & Sellers License

Alan moved to approve the Agent and Sellers Class II secondhand motor vehicle license to Steven Zottoli, doing business as SZ Auto on 268 Worcester Road. Joe seconded. All in favor (2-0).

Rte 140 Safety Improvements

The Road Advisory Committee was present for the discussion. A nine member safety committee will be formed with members from Princeton, Sterling, & Westminster. The

idea is for each town to have three members, a Select Board member, a DPW representative and a citizen at large. The Board will appoint three members in late April and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Waste Reduction Update

Hubbardston, Templeton & Princeton are meeting to request they become the H-T-P team and will report back to the Board of Health.

DCR Letter – Watershed Land

The Board reviewed the DCR letter with regard to PILOT. The minimum payment to Princeton is \$156,647.63.

Central Region Homeland Security Grant

Protective Equipment kits will be provided to Police, Fire and EMS departments.

FY09 Budget

The snow & ice deficit is now \$90,000. The Ambulance salary budget is \$97,269. Dennis suggests transferring \$18,000.00 into the operating budget for a total of \$36,000.00 and cut the salary line item by \$26,000, it most likely will not be needed in FY09. The Board will discuss at a later date.

The charge for ambulance service is the same whether we call dispatch or an ambulance service direct.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIP)

The CIP met with the Board. All requests were addressed and reasonable amounts were provided. The option of purchasing a street sweeper and paying for it over a two-year period was discussed. Dennis will continue to keep the committee updated and informed and the Board thanked them for their time.

Other Business

- Library Project is moving forward, bids open on March 19 & 26.
- Winter Carnival sponsored by Parks & Rec was a great time with over 300 people attending
- An insert on the new policy for meeting on legal holidays was provided for the Selectmen Policy Handbook

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary