

**Town of Princeton, MA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Regular Meeting  
March 18, 2008**

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**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  
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**911 Call Center Presentation**

The Board went to the Police Station to view the new 911 Call Center. Chief Charlie Schmohl arranged a test call between a police officer and a dispatch operator to provide a first hand look at the operation. All cell phone calls are tracked via a GIS system and locations appear on the screen. There is a special emergency system for police officers that is fully automated. Chief Schmohl provided a tour of the station and equipment.

- All wiring has been updated.
- All interviews with suspects must be electronically recorded for court appearances.
- The Police Department handles communication expenses for the Fire Department & PMLD out of its \$80,000 budget.
- A two year grant in the amount of \$85,000 has been offered by Central Region Homeland Security for Princeton to sign on to reverse 911 for emergency purposes.

Raymond moved to sign on to the Reverse 911 Grant. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0). The Board thanked Chief Schmohl for the tour.

The meeting was reconvened in Bagg Hall.

**GIS Presentation**

Terri Longtine and Jim Smith reviewed the new GIS system with the Board. Phase I is now complete. It provides Assessors with a fully automated map system with many features. Up until now they have been using a paper system. They now have the ability enter a map number in the system and zoom in on a particular lot and print specific areas. This will help other departments in the Town Hall, including Planning and Building. In the past copies had to be made in sections using several of the large maps. This is a huge first step and further discussion will take place upon completion of Phase II to determine what the next step should be. The Board thanked Terri & Jim for their time.

**FY08 Warrant #19**

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

**Minutes:**

*February 19, 2008 Regular Meeting - Alan & Raymond present*– Alan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (2-0). Joe abstained.

**Minutes:**

*March 3, 2008 Executive Session - Regular Meeting Alan & Joe present*– Alan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Joe seconded. All were in favor (2-0). Raymond abstained.

**Waste Reduction Update**

A formal task force has been formed. The BOH appointed Dennis & Terri to the Hubbardston/Princeton/Templeton Waste Reduction Task Force. Dennis expects to be ready to present final details to the Board in the fall.

**Resignation – Elected Assessor**

Karl Sandstrom resigned his position as elected officer and has moved out of town.

**Updated Organizational Chart**

The Board reviewed the updated chart that included minor changes. Raymond moved to accept the updated organizational chart. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

**Reserve Fund Transfer**

Alan moved to transfer from the Reserve Fund account #01-5-132-780 in accordance with the provision of MA General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6, the amount of \$2,000.00 to account #01-5-543-780 to pay for a Princeton veteran burial expense as required by law.

**Bentley Land Purchase**

Craig MacDonnell informed Joe that the fundraising is almost complete. There is an ongoing title issue therefore the closing will not take place on March 28<sup>th</sup> as planned. It may be extended for 30 days.

**Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

The Board reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft and will review with the Advisory Board at 7 pm.

**School Budget**

The total budget is going up by 5.8%. Rutland & Paxton met and are asking for a reduction. Paxton is asking for a \$140,000 reduction. Princeton could get a \$130,000 reduction. The Board's objective is to ensure Princeton receives excellent services for their students and to keep the cost down.

**Other Business**

- The Board signed the Library Project grant.
- The Board signed a thank you letter to Ed Carlson.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenda Savoie  
Administrative Secretary