

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
March 31, 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.**

Health Insurance Discussion

David Lively discussed health insurance renewal options for FY09. The current plan offered by Fallon has a 20% increase. There are options to go with a co-pay of \$15.00 or \$20.00 with a 5.5% or 4.95 % increase. Tufts came in with a 5% increase and a \$20.00 co-pay. Dennis will review all options with the Treasurer and will schedule an employee workshop with Lively Insurance and make a recommendation to the Board.

FY08 Warrant #20

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

Minutes:

March 13, 2008- Open Session - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

March 13, 2008- Executive Session - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes not to be released at this time. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

March 18, 2008- Regular Meeting - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

March 26, 2008- Executive Session - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes not to be released at this time. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

March 26 2008- Regular Meeting - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

Council on Aging Appointments (COA)

Alan moved to appoint Phyliss Fife as a member to the COA with a term to expire on June 30, 2011.

Alan moved to appoint Beverly Kohlstrom as a member to the COA with a term to expire on June 30, 2011.

Public Comment Section

Dennis will add a public comment section on the agenda for residents. The Board agreed no action will be taken unless the decision is unanimous.

Snow & Ice Discussion

Glen Lyons and Chief Schmohl were present for the discussion about how the decision is made to sand and plow the roads. Goodnow Road tends to be overly sanded. Glen said elevation is the guide. Chief Schmohl records calls for service during the overnight hours

Snow & Ice Discussion-continued

when the Highway Department is not working and also receives complaints when roads are not sanded or plowed. There are so many variables and developing a policy is not feasible. There was discussion about sand and salt mix sitting outside when it rains causing it to lose effectiveness. A salt barn would help a lot.

Final STM Warrant

There is a \$123,655 snow & ice deficit as of today. The Board reviewed the 3 articles for the STM and Joe will meet with the Advisory Board tonight.

Alan moved to approve the May 13, 2008 STM Warrant as presented. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Final ATM Warrant

The Board reviewed the warrant and discussed Article 21 dealing with the WRSD oil spill and discussed going forward with debt exclusion for the Princeton portion.

Alan moved to debt exclude Princeton's portion of the \$2 million bond and clean up of oil spill. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

The Board discussed asking WRSD to reduce their budget and lower the operations assessment for Princeton. There is an additional \$11,000 in the Police Department budget and the Bentley borrowing is not yet final.

Alan moved to approve the May 13, 2008 ATM Warrant as presented pending the addition of the Advisory Board opinion. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Route 140 Safety Improvements

Letters will be sent to Montachusett, CMRPC and Mass Highway.

Dennis recommends appointing four people - three members and one alternate. Four residents expressed interest.

Alan moved to appoint the following residents to serve as members of the Route 140 Safety Improvement Task Force with a term to expire on June 30, 2011:

- Joe O'Brien
- Mickey J. Splaine
- Alexandra Fiondaca

Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Alan moved to appoint Kenneth Whitney as an alternate member of the Route 140 Safety Improvement Task Force with a term to expire on June 30, 2011. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Phil Mighdoll and Steve Shray will be invited to all meetings.

Review Guard and Reserve Statement of Support

Alan moved to approve the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0). Joe signed the form.

TPS Generator

Ken Whitney was present for the discussion. The generator is set and ready to go. It will be tested during April vacation to evaluate any wiring issues. Dennis feels the school should be responsible for replacing fuel. Fuel maintenance costs alone could be as high as \$400.00 per month. He will check into the district policy on this.

Wachusett Mountain Road Race

Alan moved to support, without objection the May 24, 2008 Mountain Road Race request. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Revised PMLD Flyer Policy

Alan moved to support the revised PMLD flyer policy. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0). Dennis will check to see if double sided pages are acceptable.

Krashes Field Building Donation

Ed Carlson notified the Board that he and his wife Kathy and Ted & Kim Goodnow are donating a 600 square foot building to Krashes Field. It will be known as the Everett Needham Field House, named after Ted's great-grandfather who was the Superintendent of the Wachusett Mountain Reserve. The building will modeled after the Mountain House and will be built by Woodmiester. Ed met with the Building Inspector and will present plans to the Parks & Rec Committee on April 7th. The building will be completely outfitted with all the necessary equipment. Ed expects the formal turnover and acceptance to the town in mid August.

Alan moved to thank and accept the wonderful gift from the Carlson and Goodnow families for a building to be possibly named the Everett Needham Field House at Krashes Field. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

The Board expressed their appreciation for the extremely generous gift.

250th Celebration Steering Committee

The Committee provided the Board with a progress report.

- New Year's Eve will be the "kick-off" at the mountain with Westminster with a torch relay to the summit
- A Summer Field day will be held at Krashes
- October Gala – weekend of events

The Committee is in process of developing a Town Flag. The Board thanked them for their work and offered to provide support if needed.

Other Business

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Lottery Commission, WRSD, and the Towns of Holden, Rutland, and Paxton Selectmen communication.

The Annual Town Report is available on-line or in the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary