

**Town of Princeton, MA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Regular Meeting  
April 14, 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 Rindone.**

**FY08 Warrant #21**

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

**Minutes:**

*March 31, 2008- Regular Meeting* - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

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

**Bentley Land Borrowing & Signing**

The Treasurer was present for the discussion. Eastern Bank won the bid of \$350,000 at 4.20%. Alan moved to approve the borrowing of \$350,000, note to expire on April 15, 2018, from Eastern Bank as the lowest of bidders at 4.20%. The Board signed the documents.

**Employee Health Insurance**

An employee meeting with David Lively was held on April 9. The Employee Insurance Advisory Committee will review with David and attend the April 28 meeting to discuss recommendations.

**Annual Election Warrant**

Alan moved to approve and sign the warrant for the Election to be held on May 12, 2008, including a question concerning proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion for the purpose of the Jefferson School oil spill. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

**Boy Scot Troop 1 Court of Honor**

Raymond will attend the ceremony to award Marcus Leary the rank of Eagle Scout on May 17.

**FY09 Chapter 90 Allotment**

The Board reviewed the letter from the Office of the Governor. Princeton's allotment for FY09 is \$264,877.

**Four Corners - Bentley Property Update**

Craig MacDonnell said everything is coming into place.

- The financial portion has been the most challenging. Over \$600,000 has been raised through private fundraising.

### **Four Corners - Bentley Property Update-continued**

- There is nothing in the Warrant Article that it be used for agricultural purposes, therefore the town must vote on that.
- Title issues are ongoing and Craig is working with the seller toward a solution.

The Board expressed appreciation to PLT, Deb Carey, Roger Leo and the Four Corners group for their efforts.

### **Agricultural Commission – Appointment**

Alan moved to appoint Nancy Ackerman as a member of the Agricultural Commission with a term to expire on June 30, 2011. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Lisa Dawson, Chairman is taking time off due to health issues. In the meantime, Jen Caswell will be the acting Chair.

### **Agricultural Commission – Farmers Market**

The Commission would like to hold a Farmers Market on Fridays from 2-5 pm during the summer. A lot of research was done. Barre has been doing this for over 20 years and the Commission will use their model. The Board agreed it's a great idea and ties in with the Master Plan. Items for the crafts portion of the market must be handmade and will be allowed at the discretion of the Commission.

A \$200.00 insurance liability policy is required, however Dennis will check to see if it's already covered under the current policy. Locations considered were the Town Common, and Princeton Center. Pros and cons for both locations were discussed. Safety was the main concern.

Joe moved to start the Farmers Market on the Town Common and will reserve the right to change the location. Raymond seconded. Two in favor, one opposed. (2-1).

### **Unsung Heroine of 2008 – Joyce Anderson**

The Board expressed great pleasure in announcing Joyce Anderson has been selected as the 2008 Unsung Heroine for the town. Joyce has served the town for many years in various capacities. Her latest role has been in creating a town wide appreciation for Princeton's history and initiating the establishment of four places that are now on the National Register of Historic Places.

### **Engineering Proposal for Roads - Award Contract**

Alan moved to approve the contract for Professional Civil Engineers from Coyle Engineering, Inc., Leicester, MA. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

### **Library Contractor – Award Contract**

Alan moved to award the contract for the Goodnow Memorial exterior repairs to S.O.M. Construction Enterprises, Dudley, MA. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

### **Preservation Restriction**

Alan moved to sign the Preservation Restriction for the Goodnow Memorial Building as voted on by town meeting and by the authority of the Board of Selectmen. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

### **STM**

The Board will review updated inserts regarding Article 3 and finalize at the next meeting.

### **WRSD Budget**

Joe attended a meeting with the Finance Subcommittee Task Force. They voted to ask the Superintendent to model a \$1 million cut as a compromise. Alan moved to encourage the School Board and Administration to look at any cuts in the budget that can be passed on to the towns before the annual town meeting. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

### **ALS Ambulance Study Committee**

The Fire Chief submitted a budget of \$126,419 based on 24/7 coverage. DOR regulations require that the budget be funded ahead of time. Dennis recommends shifting \$36,000 from salary. There was a lot of discussion about the numbers and the Committee was not in agreement. Dennis will meet with the Committee to work out a resolution. The Board is looking for a small subcommittee to work with Dennis on the implementation of the ALS Study Committee recommendations. Dennis will draft a description and provide details to the Committee.

Fire Chief Ray LaPorte provided an update on the following:

- Hubbardston, Westminster, and Rutland have been added to the ALS
- Ray met with the other Chiefs and reached a mutual agreement on the concept
- An on call calendar will be used, hopefully on-line in real time
- The replacement of A-1 will be coming up
- IMC Component – Wachusett fund will support wireless transmitter

### **Other Business**

The Selectmen's retreat will take place on May 19 at the Wachusett Village House. Joe will meet with Dennis on April 15 to discuss his annual performance review. Alan and Raymond will send their feedback to Joe prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenda Savoie  
Administrative Secretary