

**Town of Princeton, MA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Regular Meeting  
May 27, 2008**

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**The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM. Present were Chairman - Joe O'Brien Members -Alan Sentkowski, Raymond Dennehy and Town Administrator - Dennis Rindone.**

**Board of Selectmen Reorganization**

Alan moved to nominate Raymond as the new Chairman. Joe seconded.

All in favor (3-0).

Raymond moved to nominate Alan for Clerk. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

**FY08 Warrant #24**

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

**Minutes:**

*May 12, 2008- Regular Meeting* - Alan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Raymond seconded. All were in favor (3-0).

**Police Chief – Letter of Appreciation for Officer Ricky Thebeau**

The Board reviewed a letter of appreciation from the Sterling Chief of Police, Gary Chamberland for Officer Ricky Thebeau. Chief Schmohl was present for the discussion. Chief Chamberland expressed appreciation for Officer Thebeau's keen powers of observation and resourcefulness that led to the quick apprehension of a robbery suspect. Dennis will invite Officer Thebeau to the next meeting.

**Agenda – Public Comment Section**

Alan will develop a draft policy and the Board will review at the next meeting.

**Flag Etiquette**

The Board reviewed documents on flag etiquette. Only the President or Governor of a state have the authority to order the flag be flown at half-staff.

**Library Borrowing**

The Board will meet on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for signing the paperwork.

**DCR Public Announcement- Bentley/ Four Corners Property**

Alan moved to reaffirm the vote of the Board of Selectmen held on January 28, 2008 that DCR may have interest in a parcel of land located in Princeton and shown on the map as

**DCR Public Announcement- Bentley/ Four Corners Property-continued**

“Exhibit A”, an 82 acre parcel known as the Bentley property. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

**Four Corners Property (Bentley-Gallo) Closing Date**

The closing date has been moved forward to June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Longsjo July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Race**

The insurance policy has been issued and the Police, Fire and Ambulance have been notified. Alan moved to approve the request of the International Cycling Completion, Fitchburg Longsjo Classic to conduct its race in Princeton on July 4, 2008. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

**Governor Patrick’s Municipal Affairs Coordinating Cabinet Meeting**

The meeting will be held on June 3, 2008 at Fitchburg State College.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Resignation**

Alan moved to accept the resignation of Gary MacLeod from the Zoning Board of Appeals as of May 16, 2008 with regrets. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0). Gary has been elected to an Assessor’s position.

**Annual Appointments Policy**

The Board reviewed the policy. There are currently eight openings on various boards and committees. The Board is looking for letters of interest from anyone wishing to serve on the WRSC with a one year term to expire in May of 2009.

**Liberty Tree Memorial – Boy Scout Project**

Scout Griffin Fitzgerald and Tom Lynch were present for the discussion. Griffin would like to establish a Liberty Tree Memorial with benches as part of his Eagle Scout leadership project. Dingman Park appears to be the best location. Griffin will check to see if there are any restrictions on planting in that location and will look into fundraising for the cost of the benches. Dennis will research the time frame for planting.

**WMAC Appointment & Alternate**

The Board reviewed the responsibilities of the WMAC with member Bill Eicholzer and alternate Betsy Burbank. In the future if Bill or Betsy cannot attend a meeting, the Select Board Chair will be contacted to decide how to handle.

The power lines issue was on the last agenda and the Select Board will be kept up to date with future discussions.

**WMAc Appointment & Alternate-continued**

There was discussion about communication towers and antennas on the mountain. The Board wants to preserve the mountain and also be practical with regard to improving technology for the town.

**Flag Day Ceremony – Cemetery Commissioners**

The commissioners received a flag that was flown at the Statehouse in DC and would like to have it dedicated and flown at Woodlawn Cemetery on Flag Day, which is June 14<sup>th</sup>.

A pole donated by Richmond Smith has been installed at Woodlawn.

The Commissioners would like a member of the Board to attend and show their support.

The Commissioners will talk with TPS to see if would like to join the ceremony.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenda Savoie  
Administrative Secretary