

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
June 23, 2008**

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

Award Police Officer Ricky Thebeau Certificate of Commendation

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Alan awarded Officer Thebeau a Certificate of Commendation for his keen powers of observation, attention, devotion to duty and his resourcefulness, which led to the quick apprehension of a robbery suspect. Officer Thebeau and his family thanked the Board.

FY08 Warrant #26

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

Minutes:

June 9, 2008- Regular Meeting - Joe made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Alan seconded. All were in favor (2-0).

Police Department Local 170 Three-Year Contract – 2008-2011

The Board was pleased to announce an agreement was reached with local 170 for a three-year contract beginning July 2008, and extending through 2011. The Board will sign on July 7, 2008.

Police Chief FY09 Contract Addendum

The Board reviewed and signed an addendum to Chief Schmohl's contract. The changes are for compensation based on performance, a stipend for being a certified medical technician, a longevity stipend, uniform cleaning and compensation for third shift emergency call. Joe moved to approve and sign the modification and addendum of the police chief's contract effective June 23, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Alan seconded. All in favor (2-0).

Annual Outstanding Citizens Award

The Board viewed the plaque that will be hung in the Town Hall for Princeton's Annual Outstanding Citizen Award. Tom Lynch was the first resident to receive the honor.

Public Safety Committee

Raymond will write the scope of services for the new committee to be formed as part of the Board's future goals. The Board is concerned about the amount of time it may take for the new committee to get up to speed, therefore a scope of services will be created first. After that, a decision will be made on how the committee should be set up. The current idea is to consist of the select board and two to four members of the community.

Trash Force Update

Dennis will provide an update at the next meeting. A lot of progress is being made. Educating the community may be the most difficult step.

Veterans Memorial

A committee needs to be appointed within the next 30-60 days. The Board will think about people who may be interested. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Public Hearing – Liquor License

The public hearing was called to order at 5:36 pm for Princeton Vineyard and Hops request for an “all liquor” license. Attorney Dave Dupont, representing Princeton Vineyard and Hops, doing business as Princeton LLC explained the business currently holds a beer and wine license and is asking for a new all alcohol liquor license. Princeton has an available ABC license at this time. There were no comments from the public. Joe moved to approve the all alcohol liquor license for Princeton Vineyard and Hops doing business as Princeton LLC, located on 206 Worcester Road. Alan seconded. All were in favor (2-0).

The Board signed the license. The public hearing was closed at 5:46 pm.

Annual Appointments

Joe moved to approve the annual appointments as presented in the list effective June 30, 2008 with the following exceptions:

- Shirley Riven, pending discussion with regard to dog officer status
- Brian Jackson, a one year term while he serves in the Military
- Ellen O’Brien and Alan Sentkowski, due to conflict of interest and will revisit at next meeting with all members present.

Alan seconded. All were in favor (2-0).

The Board reviewed committee openings. Joe moved to make the following appointments:

- Board of Appeals: Henry Beth from alternate to full member and Jon Fudeman as alternate.
- Conservation Commission: Ron Thompson as full member, one position not filled.
- TPIC: Henry Bell as full member.
- Personnel Board: Ann Littlefield as full member.

Alan seconded. All were in favor (2-0).

Award Annual Bids

Joe moved to award the following bids:

- Bituminous Concrete to Mass. Broken Stone Company as the low bidder.
- Road Reclamation to All States Asphalt.
- Crack Sealing to Crack-Sealing, Inc.
- Asphaltic Oils & Equipment Rental to All States Asphalt, Inc.
- Sand to Pitcherville Sand & Gravel

- Line Painting to Poirier Guidelines

Alan seconded. All in favor (2-0).

Library Borrow

The loan rate was 3.85% and signed by the Board on June 18, 2008.

FY10 Debt Schedule

Dennis will review new commitments for FY10, including public safety.

Severe Weather Policy

Joe moved to accept the changes recommended by the personnel board and to be added to the Town's Personnel Policy as the new Snow / Heat / Severe Weather Policy. Alan seconded. All in favor (2-0).

West Boylston Parade – September 21, 2008

Dennis will contact the parade coordinator and discuss Princeton's participation.

ALS Ambulance Recommendation Implementation Committee (ARIC)

The Board discussed the formation of an ALS, ARIC Committee to implement elements of the recommendations of the ALS Study Committee. ALS Committee members were present for the discussion. The main focus will be assisting the Fire Chief with IMC, the On-Call calendar and the cooperative effort with Hubbardston and Sterling. The new committee would report to the Board.

Joe moved to appoint Anne Littlefield, Stan Moss, Ray Laporte, Charles Schmohl and Robert Sauer to the ALS ARIC Committee. Alan seconded. All in favor (2-0).

The "kick-off" meeting will be held on July 9, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. All were in favor.

The Board voted unanimously to enter into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations not to return to regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary