

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
July 21, 2008**

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

FY08 Warrant #28

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

FY09 Warrant #2

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

Virtual Town Hall Web Purchase

The decision was made to go forward with Virtual Town Hall as the new software for the towns website. Lynne Grettum was present for the discussion. Lynne said that Rutland Sterling and Holden have been using Virtual Town Hall and are pleased with the website and the technical support is very good. The change should be complete by the end of the year. Lynne will provide an update to the Board at a future meeting.

Minutes:

June 23, 2008- Regular Meeting – Alan moved to accept the minutes. Joe seconded. (2-0). Raymond abstained.

June 23, 2008- Executive Session – Alan moved to accept the minutes to be released at this time. Joe seconded. (2-0). Raymond abstained.

July 7, 2008 –Meeting- Alan moved to approve the minutes for the meeting that was not posted due to an error, no votes were taken and minutes are available to the public for review.

District Attorney Letter – July 7th Meeting

The Board reviewed a letter from the District Attorney's Office. A formal complaint was made for non-compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Alan moved to ratify the signing of bi-weekly payroll and vendor warrants and the signing of two contracts previously voted on. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Alan moved to incorporate and read the July 7th meeting minutes into the July 21st meeting minutes (beginning at bottom of page 4). Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Public Safety Committee- Scope of Services

A regular meeting will be held in September with the Fire Chief and Police Chief as a "kick off" for the new committee. The Board is looking for a citizen with public safety experience. Phyllis will place an ad in the Landmark and Dennis will notify the Advisory Board.

Finalize Public Comment Policy

Alan moved to accept the Public Comment Policy as amended. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Annual Appointments

Alan moved to approve the following appointments:

- Philip Mighdoll as CMRPC Alternate for FY09
- Shirley A. Rieven as assistant animal control officer for a term to expire on June 30, 2009
- Glen S. Lyons to serve as a member of the Route 140 Task Force (replacing Mickey Splain) with a term to expire on June 30, 2011
- Wendy Graves as Assistant Tax Collector for a term to expire on June 30, 2011
- Bonnie C. Schmohl as Assistant Treasurer for a term to expire on June 30, 2011

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

Elections Officers:

Alan moved to appoint Ellen S. O'Brien to serve as Elections officer with a term to expire on July 14, 2008. Raymond seconded. (2-0). Joe abstained.

Joe moved to appoint Alan M. Sentkowski, to serve as Elections officer with a term to expire on July 14, 2008. Raymond seconded. (2-0). Alan abstained.

Conservation Commission:

Alan moved to approve the edition of two alternate members for the Conservation Commission. Raymond seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Alan moved to appoint John Vieira as a member of the Conservation Commission for term to expire on June 30, 2011.

Alan moved to appoint Holly M. Palmgren as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission for term to expire on June 30, 2011.

Alan moved to appoint Douglas K. Williams as an alternate member to the Conservation Commission for term to expire on June 30, 2011.

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

Memorial Day Committee:

Alan moved to approve the following appointments to the Memorial Day Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2009:

- Denis Coughlin
- Priscilla J. Coughlin
- Linda Michel
- Evan Lattimore
- James T. Hart
- Dorothy Sullivan
- James Sullivan
- Susan P. Ursprung

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

Liberty Tree Committee

Alan moved to approve the following appointments to the newly formed Liberty Tree Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2009:

- Joseph E. Lee
- Kevin Heman
- Thomas Lynch
- Griffin Fitzgerald

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

Advisory Board Resignation

Alan moved to accept the resignation from Tom Dexter, with regrets. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Fuel Oil Bid

Alan moved to award the contract for FY09 heating oil to Radio Oil as the low bidder. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Hubbardston-Princeton-Templeton Waste Reduction Task Force Update

A workshop will be held in Princeton for all three towns.

Route 140 Task Force

The Board reviewed the list of members and professional staff from Princeton, Sterling and Westminster. Princeton will host the first meeting.

Animal Control - Regionalization

Dennis met with the Sterling Town Administrator last week to begin the process.

Land Preservation Homeowner Letter

The Board reviewed two drafts of letters to be sent to homeowners owning ten acres or more of land. Dennis will bring final letter and brochure to a future meeting for the Board's review.

August Meetings

The Board will not meet on August 4th, however each member will go to the Town Hall at their convenience to sign warrants on August 5th.

A tree hearing will be held on August 11th.

Bentley Property Reimbursement

The \$500,000 reimbursement to the town is due on August 14, 2008.

A town wide celebration will be held on October 5th on the property.

Town Hayfields

The Board will work with the Conservation Commission to put together an RFP for the production of hay.

Private Entrance to a Public Way Permit

Alan moved to sign the permit for the private drive entrance to a public way to Transformations Inc., care of A. Carter Scott. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0). The Board signed the permit.

Wall of Fame – Brick Purchase

Alan moved for the Selectmen to purchase a brick marked “BOS, 2008”. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).
Brenda will provide the form to the Board.

Wachusett Earth Day - W. Boylston Selectmen Letter

The Board reviewed a letter from the W. Boylston Selectmen outlining the reasons they oppose Wachusett Earth Day and stating they work to stop the project in their town. The Board is disappointed and concerned about receiving this information at this stage in the process. Town funds have already been sent to get the project started.

Signatures

The Board signed the following:

- Liquor license for Princeton Vineyard & Hops, LLC.
- Get well card for Chris Alsdorf

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary

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July 7, 2008**

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

Raymond announced that the meeting was not properly posted. The meeting was scheduled in advance and the agenda was sent out, however it was discovered Monday afternoon that the meeting was not posted at the Town Hall. Brenda apologized to the Board for failing to send the meeting posting to the Town Clerk. The Board decided to continue with the meeting for discussion purposes only and to sign warrants, but decided not to vote on any matters before them.

FY08 Warrant #27

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

Police Department Local 170 Three Year Contract – 2008-2011

The Board signed the contract, which was approved on June 23, 2008.

Fire Chief FY09 Contract

The Board and Fire Chief signed the one-year contract which was approved on June 23, 2008.

Liberty Tree Memorial – Boy Scout Project

Tree Warden Joe Lee and Scout Griffin Fitzgerald were present for the discussion. As Tree Warden, Joe is concerned with the location and type of tree being planted and would like to be informed before any decisions are made. He suggests a committee be set up to include other groups in these types of decisions. Griffin is leading the project for his Eagle Scout and will work with Dennis on a time frame and to set up a committee to decide the location of the Liberty Elm Tree. Raymond signed the project and will assist Griffin throughout.

Public Safety Committee Discussion

The current concern is the administration and operational structure. The goal is to form a committee by September to consist of the Board of Selectmen, Fire Chief, Police Chief, a member of the Advisory Board and a citizen familiar with public safety. More discussion will take place at the next meeting,

Public Comment Policy

The Board reviewed the draft completed by Alan and compared it with the Holden one. All agreed Alan's is suitable to Princeton and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Annual Appointments

The Board signed appointment slips for those appointed at the June 23rd meeting. Shirley Riven, Ellen O'Brien and Alan Sentkowski will be addressed at the next meeting.

Waste Reduction Task Force Update

Dennis has been attending meetings. The goal is for RFP to be complete by November 1, 2008.

Walk of Fame Brick Purchase

Alan suggested the Board purchase one together as a gift to the town. The Board agreed it was a good idea.

Wachusett Earth Day

The Board signed the "memo of understanding" previously voted on at Town Meeting.

The Board will meet on Thursday, July 10th at 8 am to sign reserve fund transfer requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary