

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
September 15, 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.

FY09 Warrant #6

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

Minutes

September 2, 2008 Regular Meeting – Joe made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

September 2, 2008 Executive Session – Joe made a motion to accept the minutes not to be released at this time. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Advisory Board Openings

John Shipman and Larry Deblois have expressed interest and will be invited to the next meeting. The current AB members will be invited as well. Dennis will bring a list of members and the dates of their terms.

School Committee Opening

Phyllis will put another notice in the Landmark. Joe moved to send a letter to the Thomas Prince School PTA, authorizing the chairman to sign. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Appointment - Personnel Board

Alan moved to appoint Robert F. Fitzgerald to serve as a member of the Personnel Board with a term to expire on June 10, 2008. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Hubbardston-Princeton-Templeton Waste Reduction Task Force Update

The Task Force will meet again on September 23 and Dennis hopes to schedule a regional meeting in October. The goal is to have an RFP by November 1 and be up and running by July 1, 2009.

Regional Animal Control Officer Update

The latest draft of the municipal agreement is being reviewed by the Sterling Animal Control Advisory Board. The goal is to have a completed agreement by January 1.

Route 140 Safety Improvement Task Force Update

Joe and Dennis attended the “kick off” meeting. It went very well. CMRPC and MRPC will do a corridor study and official meeting minutes with no expense to the towns. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16. The concern is to improve safety. Each town will identify safety issues in their area.

Board of Assessors Revaluation Work Plan

The Board reviewed the revised work plan and new schedule. The tax rate will be set by November 27.

Review & Accept Updated 2008 Personnel Policy Handbook

Joe moved to accept the revised personnel policy dated July 1, 2008. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

MMA Statewide 6th Grade Essay Contest

Alan talked with the school and TPS is now enrolled in the contest.

Invitation to Bid – Hobbs Road West– Old Brook Station Road

The bid opens on September 25. All work is expected to be complete before winter.

Town Counsel Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from Town Counsel regarding the procedure for establishing a trust for Hearts for Heat. A copy of the letter will be sent to Cindy Shea.

WRSD Assessment Reduction Letter

The Board reviewed a letter from the Superintendent. There has been a change in the financing of the High School project. This will result in a reduction in the assessment among member towns in the amount of \$317,689.

2008 Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year Award

Fire Fighter Tim Kelly was nominated for the award, which will be presented on September 23. Tim is one of ten nominees to be honored.

Town Owned Land Review Committee

Joe moved to appoint Joe Lee as chairman of the Princeton Public Property Review Committee to be established at a later date. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).
The goal is to ensure donations are properly researched and to identify the best locations. The first step is to identify all land owned by town.

Liberty Elm Update

The committee is deciding between two locations, the lower common, or behind the library. Griffin Fitzgerald is reviewing the pros and cons of both locations and will bring his ideas to the committee. The planting is scheduled to take place in April.

Memorial Day Committee 2009 Event

The celebration will be held on Sunday, May 24. Patsy Mollica contacted bands and will send letters to clubs and association to encourage creative floats with a Memorial Day theme. The committee is seeking more veteran involvement and will reach out to honor those in Princeton.

Harvest Scarecrow Event- Patsy Mollica

Patsy will contact Sue Shanahan about arranging a harvest scarecrow display. Jaffrey, NH has an annual event and Patsy thought it would be fun for Princeton.

At 6:50 pm the Board voted to go into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations, not to return to regular meeting. All were in favor (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary