

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
September 29, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Chairman Raymond Dennehy, Alan Sentkowski, Joe O'Brien and Town Administrator Dennis Rindone.

FY09 Warrant #7

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

Minutes

September 15, 2008 Regular Meeting – Alan made a motion to accept the minutes. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

September 15, 2008 Executive Session – Alan made a motion to accept the minutes not to be released at this time. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Open Space Committee Reorganization

The Open Space Committee is currently a seven member committee. The committee is requesting it be a five member committee with five full members and one alternate. Alan moved to restructure the Open Space Committee to have five full members and one alternate member. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Letters to PTA and SIAM - School Committee Opening

The Board reviewed letters sent to the PTA and SIAM requesting assistance in identifying residents interested in serving on the school committee.

Hubbardston-Princeton-Templeton Waste Reduction Task Force Update

Dennis met with the Templeton Board of Selectmen. The RFP is in process and will be sent to everyone by November 1. The three-town Board of Selectmen and Board of Health will meet on November 12 in Baldwinsville for a presentation and workshop.

Trench Regulations

The Board reviewed material from the state requiring new excavation and trench safety regulations which will be enforced beginning on January 1, 2009. Princeton must have a temporary policy in place by that time and a final policy will be voted on at the annual town meeting.

Town Owned Land Review Committee

Joe Lee is working on a draft and will provide an update at the next meeting.

New Town Website Update

The draft of the home page was reviewed. A second draft will be available next week. The next step will be for Virtual Town Hall to discuss content with department managers and provide training.

Award Bid – Hobbs Road West– Old Brooks Station Road Construction Project

Alan moved to approve the awarding of the bid for reconstruction of Hobbs Road and Old Brooks Station Road to P.J. Albert & Sons in the amount of \$347,146.50, as the low bidder. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

2009 Memorial Day Keynote Speaker

The Memorial Day Committee will offer ideas for the 2009 keynote speaker.

Paxton Board of Selectmen Letter

The Board reviewed a letter from the Paxton Selectmen with regard to WRSD excess funding and the FY10 budget.

Liberty Elm Update

The library trustees voted not to have the tree planted there. Griffin Fitzgerald will meet with them to find out why and see if he can provide more detail and answer any questions. Krashes Fields was discussed as a possible location; however the town common area is most appropriate for the liberty tree and what it represents. The planting is scheduled to take place in April.

Town Seal

The first draft of the town seal is complete and looks very good.

All Boards Meeting

The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the meeting scheduled to take place on November 20.

Advisory Board Appointments

Alan moved to appoint Andrew Cudemore to a full member position with a term to expire on June 30, 2009. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Alan moved to appoint Joe Lutoff to a full member position with a term to expire on June 30, 2009. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Alan moved to appoint John Shipman as an alternate member with a term to expire on June 30, 2009. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Other Business

- The Selectmen's regional meeting will take place in Rutland on October 23.
- Dennis is working on the revenue report.
- The Assessors finished town owned land today and are on target to meet the November date.
- The Board signed a letter of congratulations to FF Tim Kelly on his nomination for the 2008 Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year Award.
- October meetings will take place on October 14 & 27. Joe will be absent for both meetings.

At 7:00 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