

**Town of Princeton, MA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
November 10, 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 #10

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

Minutes

October 27, 2008 Regular Meeting – Joe made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Hubbardston-Princeton-Templeton Waste Reduction Task Force Update

The regional meeting will take place on Wednesday. Dennis asked the Board to work with the Selectmen from the three towns and their Boards of Health. He is hopeful the outcome will be permission to move ahead with the RFP.

All Boards Agenda

The Board reviewed the draft agenda. Jon Fitch is not available; Raymond will call the Chairman of the Light Commission and request a representative to take his place.

Town Hall Boiler & Burner Replacement

The boiler is scheduled to be replaced on Friday, November 14. Bill Johnson will oversee the process.

Reserve Fund Transfers

- Alan moved to transfer from the Reserve Fund account #01-5-132-780 in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6 as follows: \$4,000.00 to the Veteran Services Expense account #01-5-543-780 for the Veteran Services Expense to pay annual Chapter 115 veteran benefits for FY09. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).
- Alan moved to transfer from the Reserve Fund account #01-5-132-780 in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6 as follows: \$1,950.00 to the Fire Department Expense account #01-5-220-780 for purpose of removing the air tank and replacing it with a new one. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

FY09 Tax Rate Update

DOR will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday. In the event of any additional delays, a letter requesting voluntary payments will be sent to residents in the December PMLD bill. Alan moved to sign the letter to be mailed in the December PMLD bill, if necessary. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Revenue Report Update

A special meeting will be held by the first week of December with the Select Board and Advisory Board members. They will review budget details, including all fees currently charged by the town.

Right of First Refusal

The Board reviewed a letter from Thomas Seldon stating he intends to sell 17 acres of land currently in Chapter 61. He is asking the town if they wish to exercise their right of first refusal. There was discussion about the correct process and if a purchase and sale agreement should be in place prior to the right of first refusal. The Board asked Dennis to clarify the procedure.

WRSD Annual Report

The Board reviewed the report.

ATFC Annual Meeting Review

Dennis attended the meeting with John Shipman.

Small Town Administrators of Massachusetts Meeting

Princeton will host the meeting on November 20.

MMMA Legislative Agenda Workshop

Dennis will attend the workshop on November 14 to advocate for PILOT.

Appointment – Trustees of Trust Funds

Charles Dings is willing to serve the remainder of the open term. Alan moved to appoint Charles F. Dings of 16 Worcester Road to the Trustee of Trust Funds for a term to expire on May 11, 2009. Joe seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Historical Commission – Alternate Position

The five-member board requests an alternate position be added. Joe moved to establish an alternate position for the Historical Commission to serve a one-year term. Alan seconded. All in favor (3-0).

Representative Lew Evangelidis – Legislator of the Year Award

The Board signed a congratulations letter to Lew for being named Legislator of the Year by the Massachusetts Recreation and Parks Association.

WRSC Letter

The Board reviewed a letter to Joseph Becker requesting the Chairmen of Town Select Boards and Finance Committees be invited to the Budget Task Force meetings.

Public Comment- Alan Sentkowski

Alan talked about Congress being called back to work on a second stimulus package, which will be for cities and towns. The goal is to have funding available for Medicaid, for the extension of unemployment benefits and for infrastructure projects. It may be possible to receive infrastructure funds for the salt shed.

250th Celebration – Budget Update

Harry Pape and Phil Mighdoll were present for the discussion. The Committee has a budget of \$25,000 at this time. There is concern about purchasing memorabilia and the possibility of having items left over, especially considering the difficult economic times. The Committee will not purchase anything additional at this time.

The plan to subsidize part of the New Year's Eve event for Princeton residents is estimated to cost up to \$5,000.00, depending upon how many attend. The Board agreed that should continue as planned.

Any additional expenses will be addressed after the budget is complete. A letter listing budget guidelines will be provided to the Committee in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm. All were in favor (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Secretary