

Annual Town Meeting Princeton, Ma 01541 May 10, 2016

Warrant duly posted:	May 2,2016
Inhabitants notified by website posting:	May 2, 2016
Advisory Board Hearing:	April 25 th and April 28 th , 2016
Quorum needed:	80
Voters Present:	158
Moderator:	Harry Pape
Checkers/Counters:	Linda Albrecht, Greg Miranda, Carolyn Nelson, Joyce Szerejko
Constable:	Michele Powers
Meeting called to order:	7:08PM
Meeting dissolved:	10:17PM

The Moderator opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the full warrant.
Moderator declared the vote was **Unanimous at 7:09PM**

Moderator read the charge to the Constable, and the Return of the Warrant.

The Moderator asked that all non-voters identify themselves for the tellers.

The Constable for the meeting was identified by the Moderator as Michele Powers

All Articles are approved by the Advisory Board except where noted.

Citizen of the Year award was given to two people this year, Pasty Mollica and John Mollica.

The Moderator announced that the Memorial Day Parade would be held on Sunday, May 29th.

The Moderator read the results from the May 9th Annual Town Election.

Advisory Board approved all articles except as noted.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to receive the reports of the Town Officers and any outstanding committees.
Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 7:24PM

ARTICLE 2. Voted under the provisions of Section 108, Chapter 41, of the Massachusetts General Laws to fix the salaries of the following Town Officers for the ensuing year (FY17).

	<u>FY17</u>
Moderator	\$ 25
Selectmen	\$3,600
Assessors	\$4,500

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 7:25PM

ARTICLE 3. Moderator went through each section of the budget. In doing so the following budgets were HELD for further discussion:

Administrative Assistants	Schools
Town Accountant	Cemeteries
Election and Registration	Veterans Services
Town Building Operations	Fieldstone Farm Debt

ARTICLE 3

DEPARTMENT	FY16 BUDGET VOTED	FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY17 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY17 AB RECOMMENDS (IF DIFFERENT)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Moderator				
Salary	25.00	25.00		
Expense	75.00	75.00		
Sub-Total	100.00		100.00	
Board of Selectmen				
Salaries	3,600.00	3,600.00		
Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Sub-Total	6,600.00		6,600.00	
Annual Audit				
Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Town Administrator				
Salary	95,000.00	95,000.00		
Expense	2,500.00	3,700.00		
Sub-Total	97,500.00		98,700.00	
Administrative Assistants				
Salaries	26,300.00	46,826.00		HELD
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Sub-Total	27,800.00		48,326.00	
Reserve Fund				
Expense	70,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
Town Accountant				
Salary	31,540.00	35,770.05		HELD
Expense	4,521.00	12,141.00		
Sub-Total	36,061.00		47,911.05	
Board of Assessors				
Assessors Salaries	4,500.00	4,500.00		
Assessor Clerk Salary	21,600.00	22,032.00		
Principal Assessor Salary	30,271.00	30,876.42		
Info. Tech. Mgr. Salary	13,940.00	-		
Revaluation Salary	6,775.00	4,590.00		
Expense	17,082.00	13,325.00		
Sub-Total	94,168.00		75,323.42	
Information Technology				
Info. Tech. Mgr. Salary		14,218.80		
Info Tech Expense		3,757.00		
Sub-Total	-		17,975.80	
Treasurer/Tax Collector				
Salary	77,240.00	78,438.00		
Expense	16,170.00	21,170.00		
Sub-Total	93,410.00		99,608.00	

DEPARTMENT	FY16 BUDGET VOTED	FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY17 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY17 AB RECOMMENDS (IF DIFFERENT)
Town Counsel				
Expense	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Town Clerk				
Salary	36,130.00	37,750.60		
Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Expenses	5,000.00	4,800.00		
Sub-Total	42,130.00		43,550.60	
Elections & Registration				
Salaries	3,200.00	6,200.00		
Expense	4,500.00	5,650.00		
Sub-Total	7,700.00		11,850.00	HELD
Conservation Commission				
Salaries				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Sub-Total	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Planning Board				
Administrative Asst. Salary	18,950.00	19,329.00		
Expense	2,636.00	2,636.00		
Sub-Total	21,586.00		21,965.00	
Board of Appeals				
Expense	1,500.00	500.00	500.00	
Open Space Committee				
Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Agricultural Commission				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Building Operations				
Salaries	29,000.00	68,895.48		HELD
Expense	59,000.00	59,000.00		
Sub-Total	88,000.00		127,895.48	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	621,055.00	709,805.35		

DEPARTMENT	FY 16 BUDGET VOTED	FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY17 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY17 AB RECOMMENDS (IF DIFFERENT)
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Police/Dispatch				
Police non-union Salaries	155,228.00	156,062.50		
Police Union Salaries	426,126.00	438,666.00		
Dispatch	86,880.00	97,051.00		
Expense	103,200.00	103,200.00		
Sub-Total	771,434.00		794,979.50	
Fire Department				
Salaries	139,740.00	142,534.80		
Ambulance Readiness	80,580.00	82,191.60		
Expense	123,974.00	123,974.00		
Emergency Management Exp.	3,000.00	3,060.00		
Sub-Total	347,294.00		351,760.40	
Animal Control				
Animal Inspector Salary	500.00	500.00		
Expense	10,013.00	11,434.86		
Sub-Total	10,513.00		11,934.86	
Emergency Notification Sys				
	2,466.00	3,699.00	3,699.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:				
	1,131,707.00	1,162,373.76		
SCHOOLS				
Wachusett Regional School				
Wachusett Min. Contribution	3,546,045.00	3,456,367.00		
Operations Assessment	488,530.00	709,563.00		
Transportation	193,189.00	226,589.00		
Long Term Debt	180,527.00	177,139.00		
Sub-total	4,408,291.00		4,569,658.00	4,375,314.00
Montachusett Reg. Vocational	297,890.00	313,077.00	313,077.00	
TOTAL SCHOOLS	4,706,181.00	4,882,735.00		4,688,391.00
				HELD

DEPARTMENT	FY16 BUDGET VOTED	FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY17 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY17 AB RECOMMENDS (IF DIFFERENT)
PUBLIC WORKS:				
Highway				
Salaries	369,282.00	351,439.52		
Expense	267,058.00	267,058.00		
Sub-Total	636,340.00		618,497.52	
Snow/Ice Removal				
Expense	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	
Road Reconstruction	350,000.00	350,000.00	350,000.00	
Street Lights				
Expense	9,614.00	9,673.91	9,673.91	
Tree Warden				
Salary	1,503.00	1,533.06		
Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00		
Sub-Total	13,503.00		13,533.06	
Cemeteries				
Salaries	34,380.00	39,901.02		HELD
Expense	4,372.00	5,000.00		
Sub-Total	38,752.00		44,901.02	
Broadband Committee	2,000.00	-	0.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,250,209.00	1,236,605.51		
HUMAN SERVICES				
Council on Aging				
Salary	15,830.00	16,146.60		
Expense	1,700.00	1,700.00		
Sub-Total	17,530.00		17,846.60	
Veterans Services				
Salary	1,500.00	2,500.00		
Expense	24,500.00	19,000.00		
Sub-Total	26,000.00		21,500.00	HELD
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	43,530.00	39,346.60		

DEPARTMENT	FY16 BUDGET VOTED	FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY17 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY17 AB RECOMMENDS (IF DIFFERENT)
Library				
Salaries	110,107.00	112,884.14		
Expense	64,210.00	64,510.00		
Sub-Total	174,317.00		177,394.14	
Parks & Recreation				
Salaries	4,715.00	4,809.30		
Expense	4,100.00	4,100.00		
Sub-Total	8,815.00		8,909.30	
Historical Commission				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Memorial Day				
Expense	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	186,132.00	189,603.44		
DEBT & INTEREST:				
Police Cruisers (3 FY16, 2 FY17)	44,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	
Bentley Purchase	40,000.00	37,950.00	37,950.00	
General Interest/Borrowing Fees	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Thomas Prince/Green Repair	136,000.00	128,725.00	128,725.00	
Thomas Prince/PCBs	39,000.00	32,650.00	32,650.00	
Broadband Make Ready		15,000.00	15,000.00	
Fieldstone Farm		95,000.00	95,000.00	HELD
TOTAL DEBT	274,000.00	354,325.00		
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Retirement	222,643.00	237,404.00	237,404.00	
Town Insurance	195,000.00	123,000.00	123,000.00	
Health Insurance	340,000.00	325,000.00	325,000.00	

DEPARTMENT	FY16 BUDGET VOTED	FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY17 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY17 AB RECOMMENDS (IF DIFFERENT)
Life & Fringe	12,000.00	10,800.00	10,800.00	
FICA/Medicare	40,887.00	41,704.74	41,704.74	
Wachusett Earthday	1,393.00	1,913.60	1,913.60	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	811,923.00	739,822.34		
GRAND TOTAL:	9,024,737.00	9,314,617.00		

A motion was made by Selectman Moss and seconded to vote the FY 17 appropriation by department as set forth in Article 3 with exception of the budgets that were held.

Moderator declared the motion Unanimous at 7:32PM

A discussion of a subset of the HELD items ensued with the following results:

- Voted the Administrative Assistants budget as set forth in Article 3 - \$48,326.00

Moderator declared the vote was Unanimous – 7:35PM

- Voted the Town Accountant budget as set forth in Article 3 - \$47,911.05

Moderator declare the vote was Unanimous – 7:36PM

- Voted the Election and Registration budget

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous – 7:38PM

- Voted the Town Building Operations budget

Moderator declared the vote was Unanimous – 7:41PM

School Budget Discussion

- *Motion was made by Robert Imber and seconded to approve the appropriation of \$4,882,735.00 for the total school budget.*
- Mr. Imber, Princeton representative to the Wachusett Regional School Committee, made a formal presentation in favor of the budget as presented.
- A resident, Edward Cichon, after presenting his views on the budget asked the Advisory Board to comment as they did not approve the \$4,882,735.00
- *Motion was made by Advisory Board member George Handy and seconded to change the subtotal amount of the Wachusett Regional School from \$4,569,658 to \$4,375, 314.*
- Advisory Board member George Handy made a presentation in favor of the lower budget number for the Wachusett Regional School.
- Ms. Megan Weeks, Princeton representative to the Wachusett Regional School Committee, made a formal presentation in support of the Wachusett budget as proposed.
- John Mollica, Princeton representative to Montachusett Regional Vocational School Committee, expressed concern that both budgets were voted together.

Selectman Moss made a motion that was seconded to move the question.

Moderator Pape reminded the voters that to cease discussion and move the question required a 2/3 vote.

Moderator called for a vote to cease debate of the amendment (\$4,375,314.00) and move the question.

Moderator declared it was clearly 2/3 in favor, Motion Carried

Moderator then called for a vote on the amended Wachusett Regional School budget of \$4,375,314

Moderator declared that the amended motion was defeated.

Moderator then called for a vote on the original budget of \$4,882,735.00

Moderator declared that the vote narrowly carried.

A voter called for a counted vote for the original budget. Moderator Pape stated that seven voters had to request a counted vote.

Moderator Pape received seven voter requests and a counted vote was called.

Moderator announced the results of the counted vote that needed a simple majority.

Yes: 104

No 29

Moderator declared that the motion carried at 8:50PM

The remaining HELD portion of the budget was discussed and voted as follows:

- Voted to set the Cemeteries budget at \$44,901.02
Moderator declared the vote was Unanimous – 8:47PM
- Voted to set the Veterans Services budget at \$21,500.00
Moderator declared the vote was Unanimous – 8:49PM
- Voted the Fieldstone Farm Debt at \$95,000.00
Moderator declared the vote was Unanimous – 8:50PM

ARTICLE 4. Voted to establish the FY17 ambulance operating budget. Receipts for ambulance services received in FY17 and all subsequent fiscal years to be deposited into the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account #15-5-231-000. Any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years. The FY17 ambulance-operating budget is \$52,998.00 for salary and \$46,900.00 for expenses for a total budget of \$99,898.00.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous – 8:52

ARTICLE 5. Voted to establish the FY17 trash operating budget. Receipts for trash disposal services received in FY17 and all subsequent fiscal years to be deposited into the Solid Waste Enterprise Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account #65-5-460-000. Any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years. The FY17 trash-operating budget is \$45,000.00.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous 8:54

Point of information – Bob Imber

ARTICLE 6. Voted to authorize FY17 revolving funds for certain Town departments as written under Article 6 in the town warrant.

ARTICLE 6: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION					
To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments					
under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2 for the fiscal year					
beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.					
Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 2016 Spending Limit	FY 2017 Spending Limit
Building Department	Bldg. Inspector Town Admin.	Fees from Bldg, Wiring, and Plumbing Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$78,253	\$78,253
Library	Library Director, Town Admin.	Copy Machine, Fax, Fines and Fees	Defray Operational Expenses	\$5,000	\$5,000
Parks and Recreation (P&R)	P&R Commission Chairman, P&R Director, and Town Admin.	Fees Collected from Recreational Programs	Provide Recreational Programs & Pay Salaries	\$39,126	\$39,126
Parks and Recreation (P&R)	P&R Commission Chairman, P&R Director, and Town Admin.	Fees Collected from Recreational Programs	Maintenance of Parks Pay Salaries	\$39,126	\$39,126
Princeton Center	Princeton Center Director, Town Admin.	Rental fees	Defray Operational & Maintenance Exp.	\$78,253	\$78,253
Board of Health	Board of Health Town Admin.	Permits & Inspections	Salary & Expense	\$35,000	\$35,000
Cemetery	Cemetery Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Burial Fees	Salary & Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500
Fire Department	Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Town Admin.	Fees from Fire Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$7,500	\$7,500
Total Spending				\$289,758	\$289,758

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 8:55PM

ARTICLE 7. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,144.69 from this year's Snow and Ice Removal account #01-5-423-780 and the sum of \$25,501.94 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000 to account #03-5-422-780 for snow and ice and account #03-5-913-000 Department of Unemployment Assistance, respectively, to make payments for unpaid bills for previous fiscal years.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 8:57PM

ARTICLE 8. Voted to transfer the total sum of \$40,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000, of which \$34,000 be transferred to account #01-5-422-785 Road Construction and \$6,000 be transferred to account #23-5-428-000 MassWorks. Further I move to transfer \$79,424 from the Wachusett Regional School District account #01-5-320-600, of which are remaining funds from the reduced FY16 assessment, to the Thomas Prince School Tile Replacement account #03-5-310-202.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 8:59PM

ARTICLE 9. Voted to transfer the total sum of \$16,430.71 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000 to the State 911 Support & Incentive Grant account in the amount of \$12,994.76, the State 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch account in the amount of \$839.35, and the Emergency Management Performance Grant account in the amount of \$2,596.60.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:00PM

ARTICLE 10. Voted to close the following accounts by transferring the remaining balance in each account to the account from which the funds were originally transferred from as listed below: \$906.09 of the \$72,600 authorized under Article 23 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2015 for the purchase of defibrillator replacements.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:01PM

ARTICLE 11. Voted to rescind the following borrowing authorizations or take any other action relative thereto:

- A. \$1,117,824.00 of the \$2,222,824 authorized under Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2011 for the Thomas Prince School Boiler, Roof, and Window Project; and
- B. \$225,000.00 of the \$450,000 authorized under Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting of October 11, 2011 for the hazardous waste abatement at the Thomas Prince School.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:02PM

Motion made by Selectman Moss and seconded to bring forward Article 23

Moderator declared the motion Carries

ARTICLE 23. Moved and seconded to transfer from the Infrastructure Stabilization Account (#85-5-041-000) the sum of \$107,000 for the purchase of 10 +/- acres of land for municipal purposes, along with associated costs, including but not limited to, title examination, surveying, soil testing, and associated procurement costs for a portion of the property located on Hubbardston Road (Assessors Map 12, Lot 16) known as Fieldstone Farm or Smith Farm conditional upon mutually agreeable terms between the Board of Selectmen and Mass Audubon/Princeton Land Trust.

Advisory Board disapproves

2/3rds vote required

Motion made and seconded to move the question

Moderator declared the vote to move the question Unanimous, clearly 2/3rds

The question was then put to a vote.

Moderator declared that the Article Fails

ARTICLE 12. Motion was made and seconded to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000 the sum of \$50,000 to the General Stabilization Account #83-4-999-901, and further to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #27-5-999-000 the sum of \$100,000 to the Infrastructure Stabilization Account #85-5-041-000.

Advisory Board disapproves

Motion made by John Shipman, Advisory Board, and seconded to amend the motion by replacing the reference to \$50,000 with \$35,000 to be transferred to General Stabilization and further to amend the motion to exclude any transfer to Infrastructure Stabilization.

Moderator declared that the Motion to amend Article 12 Carried at 9:39PM

The amended motion was then put to a vote

Moderator declared that the amended article Clearly Carries by 2/3rds at 9:40PM

A motion was made by Fire Chief John Bennett to advance Article 19

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous

ARTICLE 19. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$100,000 to renovate the roof at Fire Station #2 with unexpended funds as of December 31, 2017 being returned to their original funding source.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:43PM

ARTICLE 13. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum \$82,102 to be deposited in the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund in order to offset future health insurance costs for retirees.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:44PM

ARTICLE 14. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$50,000 to continue the Town Building Maintenance Program account #03-5-192-204 to defray the costs for materials and repairs to town buildings.

Moderator declared the voted Unanimous at 9:45PM

ARTICLE 15. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$31,000 to assess, and upgrade the information technology infrastructure, including but not limited to the installation of a firewall, and the purchase and related costs for a new accounting software program with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2018 being returned to their original funding source.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:49PM

ARTICLE 16. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$30,000 to rebuild the chimney and line the flue at Bagg Hall with unexpended funds as of December 31, 2017 being returned to their original funding source.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:52PM

ARTICLE 17. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$5,000 to sort and in accordance with the Records Retention laws retain or dispose of records in Bagg Hall with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2018 being returned to their original funding source.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:55PM

ARTICLE 18. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$65,000 to conduct a feasibility study, conceptual use, and schematic design for the restoration and renovation of Bagg Hall.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:56PM

ARTICLE 20. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$50,000 to replace a 2006 1-Ton Dump Truck in the Highway Department with unexpended funds as of December 31, 2017 being returned to their original funding source.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous 9:57PM

ARTICLE 21. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$50,000 to renovate the Princeton Center (aka Center School) to provide for minimum life safety measures, including but not limited to the design of a fire alarm system, installation of emergency lighting and installation of exit signage, and if funds remain toward the installation of fire alarms.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 9:59PM

ARTICLE 22. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$5,000 to update the 2012 classification and compensation plan with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2018 being returned to their original funding source.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous 10:00PM

ARTICLE 24. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to contract with and accept any grants from the Mass. Department of Transportation-Highway Division for the construction of any road or related work that may be allotted to the Town for the ensuing year.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:01PM

ARTICLE 25. Voted to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Cemetery Lots account #27-5-491-000 to the Cemetery Maintenance Expense account #27-5-491-780 for the care and improvement of town cemeteries.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous 10:02PM

ARTICLE 26. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$50 to the Goodnow Book Expense Account for the purchase of books for the Library, as required by the terms of the Goodnow Deed of Gift.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:03PM

ARTICLE 27. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$2,000 for town concerts, the expenditure of such funds to be authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:03PM

ARTICLE 28. Voted to approve naming the Science Project Room at the Wachusett Regional High School in honor of Dr. Neil Ault.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:04PM

ARTICLE 29. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$13,585 for the purpose of paying costs of remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the technology infrastructure for the Thomas Prince School, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:05PM

ARTICLE 30. Voted to approve the amendment of Section 1.1.3 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, as listed below.

Section 1.1.3 The population of the Member Towns shall be determined every five (5) years in accordance with the towns' annual census with the ~~first~~next five (5) year review to be conducted in calendar ~~1998~~2021 and certified by the respective town clerks. Any increase in membership resulting from population changes shall be elected at the annual town meeting following the review year.

~~The five (5) year census review year and the election of new membership increase shall be in accordance with the following schedule:~~

CENSUS REVIEW	ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING
2007	2008
2012	2013
2017	2018
2022	2023

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:06PM

ARTICLE 31. Voted to approve the amendment of Section 1.1.6 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, as listed below.

Section 1.1.6 If a vacancy occurs ~~in~~on the Committee, or if there is a failure to elect, the Selectboard of the Member Town to which the vacancy relates shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The person so appointed shall be a registered voter of such town and shall perform the duties of the office until such town's next annual meeting and a successor is qualified; and such annual meeting a successor shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

Moderation declared the vote Unanimous at 10:06 and 1/2PM

ARTICLE 32. Voted to approve the amendment of Section 5 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, as listed below.

Section 5 Payments of ~~one half~~ of each Member Town's proportional part of the District's Budget shall be made ~~semi-annually on the first day of each May and November, such payments to be made~~ in the manner prescribed by statute four (4) times per year in accordance with the following schedule:

- Town of Paxton by July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and April 1st
- Town of Princeton by July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and April 1st
- Town of Rutland by August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st
- Town of Sterling by August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st
- Town of Holden by August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:07PM

ARTICLE 33. Voted to to approve the amendment of Section 7 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, as listed below.

Section 7 Any town not included in the District may be admitted to said District by majority vote of the Committee upon acceptance by the town of the original agreement with any amendments thereto.

Upon admission of such town, the total of the costs of the original construction and subsequent acquisitions and improvements, reduced by a depreciation allowance at a percentage determined by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall be reapportioned to all towns in the District, including the newly admitted town, as determined by the Committee. The newly admitted town shall then assume liability for its entire share of the cost as determined by this Section, to be paid to the District over the remaining term of the funded debt. If no funded debt exists the newly admitted town must finance its share as computed in this Section, independent of the District, and pay the same directly to each Member Town, subject to the approval of the Committee. Any action under this Section shall be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:08PM

ARTICLE 34. Voted to approve the amendment of Section 14.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, as listed below.

Section 14.1 The Wachusett Regional School District Agreement shall be reviewed every ~~three~~ five (5) years by the Committee. The Committee shall hold a public hearing to receive comment and proposed changes from the citizens of the Member Towns. The Committee shall prepare and submit a written report to the Selectboards of the Member Towns.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:09PM

ARTICLE 35. Voted to approve the amendment of Section 16 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, as listed below.

Section 16 The Regional District School Committee may authorize capital expenditures from surplus funds for those purposes cited in General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16, not to exceed \$250,000 in any fiscal year or for any single ~~projected project~~, and provided two-thirds of the members of the Committee voting on the question authorize said expenditure.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:10PM

ARTICLE 36. Voted to approve the amendment of Section 17.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, as listed below.

Section 17.1 The Member Towns are hereby authorized and directed to lease to the District, upon payment of one dollar (\$1.00) in each case (each said sum to be assessed from each Member Town and the assessment to be payable upon demand by the District) the school building and premises, which premises include the land appurtenant to and used in connection with said schools owned by the Member Towns on July 1, 1994 and any new school buildings constructed by the Member Towns after July 1, 1994. Each such lease shall be made by the Selectboard for the Member Town and shall provide for an initial term of ~~twenty (20)~~ ten (10) years and the term shall commence on the date when the District accepts possession of the building and each such lease shall contain a provision for the extension of the lease for an additional term of ~~twenty (20)~~ ten (10), at the option of the Committee. No rental shall be charged to the District by any of the Member Towns.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:10 1/2PM

ARTICLE 37. Voted to approve the amendment of Section 19.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, as listed below.

Section 19.1 This amended Agreement shall take effect upon the affirmative vote of each of the Member Towns at town meetings in each such town, as described in Section 14.2 and

shall thereupon supersede the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement most recently amended by vote of the Member Towns on May 7, 1977 and validated by Chapters 461, 462, and 263 of the Acts of 1977.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous 10:11PM

ARTICLE 38. Voted to amend Chapter V – CONTRACTS BY TOWN OFFICERS, SECTION 3 to read, “No contract involving the creation of an obligation of the Town in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be made unless it is in writing and is signed by the Town Administrator or Board of Selectmen, any contract involving the creation of an obligation in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be signed by the Town Administrator, after authorization being granted by the board or committee having control of the appropriation against which such obligation is incurred; and such board or committee shall make a record of every such contract which shall be the property of the Town.”.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:12PM

ARTICLE 39. Voted to amend Section II. ZONING DISTRICTS, 3. Locations of Districts, of the Princeton Zoning Bylaw to read, “Zoning districts are shown generally on the most recent map entitled “Town of Princeton Zoning Map” signed by the Planning Board and filed with the office of the Town Clerk. In the event of a difference between the Zoning Map and the distances stated in II-2-(B), in II-2-(C), in XVI-2, or in XIX-3, the distances stated in II-2-B, II-2-C, XVI-2 or XIX-3 shall be used in determining the location of districts.”

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous, clearly 2/3rd 10:13PM

ARTICLE 40. Voted to amend Section X. DEFINITIONS, of the Princeton Zoning Bylaw for the definition of “Sandwich Shop, Deli, Coffee Shop” to read, “Sandwich Shop, Deli, Coffee Shop: A food service establishment, which may be mobile, where food is prepared and sold at retail and may or may not be consumed on the premises, such as sandwiches, soups, salads, pizza, coffee or baked goods, or other individually proportioned food items. For purposes of the By-law, a sandwich shop, deli, or coffee shop may include a walk-up service window, but does not include a fast-food restaurant or a drive through restaurant.”

2/3 Vote required

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:14PM

ARTICLE 41. Voted to amend Section XIV. OPEN SPACE-RESIDENTIAL DESIGN (OSRD), 6, (C), of the Princeton Zoning Bylaw to read, “The minimum distance between any dwelling unit in the OSRD and an abutting lot outside of the OSRD shall be one hundred (100) feet.”

2/3 Vote required

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:15, clearly 2/3rds

ARTICLE 42. Voted to amend the Princeton Zoning Bylaw by the addition of SECTION XXI: ADULT ENTERTAINMENT to read as follows:

1. Purpose. The purpose of this by-law is to provide for a special permitting process for the location of Adult Entertainment Facilities within the Town. The special permitting process shall address and mitigate the secondary effects of Adult Entertainment Facilities. Secondary effects of Adult Entertainment Facilities have been associated with increased crime, adverse impact on public health, adverse impact on business climate, adverse impact on the property values of residential and business property, and adverse impacts on the quality of life.

It is not the purpose or intent of this by-law to impose a limitation on the content of any communicative matter or materials, including sexually oriented matter or materials, that are protected by the Constitutions of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Adult Entertainment Facilities in the Town shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. It is not the purpose or intent of this by-law to legalize the sale, rental, distribution, or exhibition of pornographic, obscene or other illegal materials or activities.

2. Applicability. This by-law applies to any facility offering any adult entertainment (“Adult Entertainment Facility”), including but not limited to adult bookstores, adult motion picture theatres, adult video stores, adult paraphernalia stores, and establishments which display live nudity for its patrons.
3. Requirements. An Adult Entertainment Facility shall be located only in a business-industrial district, and shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. All parking areas shall be set back a minimum of thirty (30) feet from the edge of the public right of way.

- b. All buildings shall be set back a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from the edge of the public right of way.
 - c. All buildings shall be set back a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from the side and rear lot lines.
 - d. All buildings shall be a minimum of five hundred (500) feet from adjacent residential buildings.
 - e. All buildings shall be a minimum of fifteen hundred (1500) feet from:
 - i. any school;
 - ii. any library;
 - iii. any church, synagogue, or place of religious services;
 - iv. any licensed daycare center.
 - f. All parking areas shall be illuminated with downward and inward directed lighting.
 - g. All buildings and parking areas shall have reasonable sound barriers from any adjacent parcel that is used for residential purposes.
 - h. All buildings and parking areas shall have reasonable visual barriers from any adjacent parcel that is used for residential purposes.
4. Hours of Operation. Adult Entertainment Facilities shall not operate before noon and shall cease operations not later than midnight.
5. Procedures. Any person seeking to operate or construct an Adult Entertainment Facility shall first obtain a special permit from the Planning Board acting as the special permit granting authority pursuant to M.G.L. c.40A, §9, M.G.L. c.40A, §9A, and Section VIII (3) of the Zoning By-laws of the Town. Applications shall include a site plan as provided in Section XII of the Zoning By-laws of the Town. The Planning Board shall review the application and plan, and shall request comments from the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police. The Planning Board may request comments from other Town boards.
- a. Applications for a special permit shall include the name and address of the legal owner of the Adult Entertainment Facility, together with the names and addresses of all persons having any direct or indirect ownership or security interest in the facility. In the event that the petitioner is a corporation, partnership, trust, or other corporate entity, the name and address of any person who has a direct or indirect ownership or beneficial interest in the entity shall be included.
 - b. Applications for a special permit shall include the name and address of the operator of the Adult Entertainment Facility.
 - c. No special permit shall be issued to any person, or to any corporate entity associated with any person, who has been convicted of violating the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 119 §63 or M.G.L. Ch. 272 §28, or to any other person or entity prohibited by M.G.L. Ch. 40A §9A from receiving a special permit.
 - d. The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions to insure that the location and operation of the proposed Adult Entertainment Facility is consistent with the purpose of the Zoning By-laws of the Town.
 - e. A special permit shall be valid for two years and may be extended on written request without a public hearing for successive two year periods upon a determination by the Planning Board that the operation of the Adult Entertainment Facility has been conducted in accordance with the special permit.
 - f. A special permit shall terminate if there has been no operation of the Adult Entertainment Facility for six months, if there is a change in the operator of the Adult Entertainment Facility, or if the Adult Entertainment Facility or land on which the Adult Entertainment Facility is located is sold.
 - g. There shall be no material deviations from approved plans without written approval from the Planning Board which may require a public hearing.

- h. A special permit shall remain exclusively with the petitioner and shall not run with the land. Any new owner or operator of an Adult Entertainment Facility must obtain a special permit before commencing or continuing operations.
- i. Adult Entertainment Facilities shall comply with all other provisions of the Zoning By-Laws of the Town. To the extent that the provisions of this Section XXI may conflict with other provisions of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, the provisions of this Section XXI shall apply.
- j. The Building Inspector shall enforce this by-law and any special permit issued or extended pursuant to this by-law.

2/3 Vote required

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:17PM

Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 10:17PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne F. Grettum