

# Annual Town Meeting Princeton, MA 01541 May 15, 2018

Warrant duly posted: May 4, 2018  
 Inhabitants notified by website posting: May 4, 2018  
 Advisory Board Hearing: May 7, 2018  
 Quorum needed: 83  
 Voters Present: 225  
 Moderator: Harry Pape  
 Checkers/Counters: Carolyn Nelson, Charlotte Stirewalt, Jane Weisman,  
 Gregory Miranda, Lind Albrecht, Denise McKay  
 Constable: Michele Powers  
 Meeting called to order: 7:05PM  
 Meeting dissolved: 11:03PM

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 7:06PM**

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 Moderator announced that the Memorial Day Parade would be held on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Moderator read the results from the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Election.

Citizen of the Year award was given to William Holder, Chairman of the Road Advisory Committee

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

**ARTICLE 1.** Moved and seconded to hear the reports of the Town Officers and any outstanding committees and act thereon.

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous**

**7:20PM**

**ARTICLE 2.** Moved and seconded that under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), c. 41, §108, to fix the salaries of the following Town Officers for the ensuing year (FY19).

	<u>FY19</u>
Moderator	\$ 25
Selectmen	\$3,600 (\$1,200 per member)
Assessors	\$ 0

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous**

**7:21PM**

**ARTICLE 3.** Moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,885,470.43 to fund the FY19 appropriations by department as set forth in Article 3.

DEPARTMENT	FY18 BUDGET VOTED	FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY19 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY19 AC RECOMMENDS (TBD)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>				
<b>Moderator</b>				
Salary	25.00	25.00		
Expense	75.00	86.00		
Sub-Total	100.00		111.00	
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>				
Salaries	3,600.00	3,600.00		
Expense	5,000.00	3,150.00		
Sub-Total	8,600.00		6,750.00	
<b>Town Administrator</b>				
Salary	95,000.00	95,000.00		
Expense	3,700.00	3,700.00		
Sub-Total	98,700.00		98,700.00	
<b>Reserve Fund</b>				
Expense	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
<b>Town Accountant</b>				
Salary	48,467.70	50,920.17		
Annual Audit Expense	14,500.00	14,500.00		
Expense	11,960.00	11,814.00		
Sub-Total	74,927.70		77,234.17	
<b>Board of Assessors</b>				
Assessor Salary	53,874.00	55,813.52		
Expense	22,276.00	22,276.00		
Sub-Total	76,150.00		78,089.52	
<b>Treasurer/Tax Collector</b>				
Salary	77,979.20	92,902.51		
Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Expense	18,420.00	18,663.00		
Sub-Total	97,399.20		112,565.51	
<b>Town Counsel</b>				
Expense	45,200.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY18 BUDGET VOTED</b>	<b>FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>FY19 Sub-Total To Be Voted On</b>	<b>FY19 AC RECOMMENDS (TBD)</b>
<b>Information Technology</b>				
Info. Tech. Mgr. Salary	16,218.80	<b>34,632.00</b>		
Info Tech Expense	9,222.00	<b>6,600.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>25,440.80</b>		<b>41,232.00</b>	
<b>Administrative Assistants</b>				
Salaries	37,000.00	<b>22,124.49</b>		
Expense	1,500.00	<b>1,500.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>38,500.00</b>		<b>23,624.49</b>	
<b>Town Clerk</b>				
Salary	37,750.60	<b>38,580.25</b>		
Certification	1,000.00	<b>1,000.00</b>		
Expenses	4,540.00	<b>4,500.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>43,290.60</b>		<b>44,080.25</b>	
<b>Elections &amp; Registration</b>				
Salaries	1,600.00	<b>5,830.36</b>		
Expense	2,650.00	<b>5,600.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>4,250.00</b>		<b>11,430.36</b>	
<b>Conservation Commission</b>				
Expense	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b>Planning Board</b>				
Admin. Asst. Salary	19,329.00	<b>20,184.63</b>		
Expense	2,636.00	<b>2,235.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>21,965.00</b>		<b>22,419.63</b>	
<b>Board of Appeals</b>				
Expense	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
<b>Open Space Committee</b>				
Expense	<b>250.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
<b>Agricultural Commission</b>				
Expense	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY18 BUDGET VOTED</b>	<b>FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>FY19 Sub-Total To Be Voted On</b>	<b>FY19 AC RECOMMENDS</b>
<b>Town Building Operations</b>				
Salaries	68,895.48	65,992.86		
Expense	58,630.00	70,323.97		
Sub-Total	<b>127,525.48</b>		<b>136,316.83</b>	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVMT.</b>	<b>739,798.78</b>		<b>758,553.76</b>	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>				
<b>Police/Dispatch</b>				
Police non-union Salaries	158,666.00	162,961.00		
Police Union Salaries	439,002.00	471,591.00		
Regional Dispatch	73,196.00	64,421.00		
Expense	103,200.00	103,200.00		
Sub-Total	<b>774,064.00</b>		<b>802,173.00</b>	
<b>Fire Department</b>				
Salaries	150,384.00	145,384.00		
Expense	123,674.00	133,974.00		
Ambulance Readiness	84,656.00	84,656.00		
Sub-Total	<b>358,714.00</b>		<b>364,014.00</b>	
<b>Animal Control</b>				
Animal Inspector Salary	500.00	500.00		
Expense (Regionalized)	9,107.00	12,050.51		
Sub-Total	<b>9,607.00</b>		<b>12,550.51</b>	
<b>Emergency Response</b>				
Emergency Mgt. Exp.	3,060.00	3,060.00		
Emergency Notification Sys	3,699.00	3,699.00		
Sub-Total	<b>6,759.00</b>		<b>6,759.00</b>	
<b>Tree Warden</b>				
Salary	1,533.06	1,600.00		
Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00		
Sub-Total	<b>13,533.06</b>		<b>13,600.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>	<b>1,162,677.06</b>		<b>1,199,096.51</b>	
<b>SCHOOLS</b>				
<b>Wachusett Regional School</b>				
Wachusett Min. Contribution	3,456,189.00	3,481,413.00		

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY18 BUDGET VOTED</b>	<b>FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>FY19 Sub-Total To Be Voted On</b>	<b>FY19 AC RECOMMENDS</b>
Operations Assessment	827,913.00	<b>932,016.00</b>		
Transportation	254,380.00	<b>275,171.00</b>		
Long Term Debt	174,357.00	<b>175,270.00</b>		
Sub-total	<b>4,712,839.00</b>		<b>4,863,870.00</b>	
<b>Montachusett Reg. Vocational</b>	<b>277,757.00</b>	<b>335,169.00</b>	<b>335,169.00</b>	
<b>Franklin County Technical High</b>		<b>15,525.50</b>	<b>15,525.50</b>	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>4,990,596.00</b>		<b>5,214,564.50</b>	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>				
<b>Environmental</b>				
Expense		<b>19,000.00</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>	
<b>Highway</b>				
Salaries	354,070.40	<b>370,455.83</b>		
Expense	266,958.00	<b>266,958.00</b>		
Road Reconstruction	350,000.00	<b>350,000.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>971,028.40</b>		<b>987,413.83</b>	
<b>Snow/Ice Removal</b>				
Expense	<b>210,000.00</b>	<b>210,000.00</b>	<b>210,000.00</b>	
<b>Street Lights</b>				
Expense	<b>9,673.91</b>	<b>5,907.84</b>	<b>5,907.84</b>	
<b>Wachusett Earthday</b>				
	<b>1,854.00</b>	<b>1,849.00</b>	<b>1,849.00</b>	
<b>Cemeteries</b>				
Salaries	40,656.00	<b>9,833.62</b>		
Expense	5,000.00	<b>20,940.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>45,656.00</b>		<b>30,773.62</b>	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,238,212.31</b>		<b>1,254,944.29</b>	
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>				
<b>Council on Aging</b>				
Salary	16,146.00	<b>20,402.20</b>		
Expense	<b>1,700.00</b>	<b>24,363.40</b>		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>17,846.00</b>		<b>44,765.60</b>	

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY18 BUDGET VOTED</b>	<b>FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>FY19 Sub-Total To Be Voted On</b>	<b>FY19 AC RECOMMENDS</b>
<b>Veterans Services</b>				
Salary	2,500.00	2,848.67		
Expense	18,000.00	18,000.00		
Sub-Total	20,500.00		20,848.67	
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>38,346.00</b>		<b>65,614.27</b>	
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION:</b>				
<b>Library</b>				
Salaries	112,884.14	118,706.08		
Expense	66,000.00	67,750.00		
Sub-Total	178,884.14		186,456.08	
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>				
Salaries	4,809.30	18,746.14		
Expense	4,100.00	9,061.00		
Sub-Total	8,909.30		27,807.14	
<b>Historical Commission</b>				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
<b>Memorial Day</b>				
Expense	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>191,093.44</b>		<b>217,563.22</b>	
<b>DEBT &amp; INTEREST:</b>				
<b>Police Cruisers</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	
<b>Bentley Purchase</b>	<b>36,470.00</b>			
<b>Thomas Prince/PCBs</b>	<b>31,875.00</b>	<b>31,125.00</b>	<b>31,125.00</b>	
<b>Thomas Prince/Green Repair</b>	<b>126,500.00</b>	<b>124,300.00</b>	<b>124,300.00</b>	
<b>Fieldstone Farm</b>	<b>86,000.00</b>	<b>84,500.00</b>	<b>84,500.00</b>	
<b>Broadband Make Ready</b>	<b>130,132.00</b>	<b>127,300.00</b>	<b>127,300.00</b>	

DEPARTMENT	FY18 BUDGET VOTED	FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY19 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY19 AC RECOMMENDS
General Interest/Borrowing Fees	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	<b>441,977.00</b>		<b>399,225.00</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>				
Retirement	208,155.00	227,338.00	227,338.00	
Town Insurance	140,500.00	140,500.00	140,500.00	
Health Insurance	307,000.00	347,786.20	347,786.20	
Life & Fringe	7,057.00	8,900.00	8,900.00	
FICA/Medicare	42,534.00	43,384.68	43,384.68	
Wage/Salary Reserve	45,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>750,246.00</b>		<b>775,908.88</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>9,552,946.59</b>		<b>9,885,470.43</b>	

Moderator declared that the vote for Article 3 Carried

7:25PM

**ARTICLE 4. RECURRING BUSINESS** - Moved and seconded to approve Article 4 as proposed in subsections A through H.

- A. Voted to establish the FY19 ambulance operating budget by use of receipts for ambulance services received to date and if necessary by raising and appropriating or by appropriating from available funds. Receipts for ambulance services received in FY19 and all subsequent fiscal years to be deposited into a receipt reserved for appropriation account established in FY01. Appropriations from said account to be made at either the annual or special town meetings for the purpose of maintaining and operating the Town’s ambulance service, i.e. salary for ambulance employees, vehicle maintenance, fuel, equipment and operating supplies. The requested appropriation for the FY19 ambulance-operating budget is \$59,620 for salary and \$53,500 for expenses for a total budget of \$113,120 with any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years.
- B. Voted to establish the FY19 trash operating budget. Receipts for trash disposal services received in FY19 and all subsequent fiscal years to be deposited into a trash enterprise fund account established in FY08. Appropriations from said account to be made at either the annual or special town meetings for the purpose of paying for the proper disposal of solid waste generated within the town. The requested appropriation for the FY19 trash-operating budget is \$31,000, of which \$28,000 be appropriated from Solid Waste Enterprise Receipts and \$3,000 be raised and appropriated. Any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years.
- C. (FY 2018) Voted to transfer from available funds a sum of money to address a deficit in snow & ice removal expense pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §31D.

FROM:

Acct. #01-5-320-600 Wachusett Regional School District \$42,483.00

Acct. #27-5-999-000 Undesignated Fund Balance (free cash) \$ 4,535.60

TO:

Acct. #01-5-423-780 Snow/Ice Removal Expense \$47,018.60

- D. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 a sum of \$10,000.00 to be deposited in the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund in order to offset future health insurance costs for retirees.
- E. 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.
- F. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 a sum of \$2,000 for town concerts.
- G. Voted to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 a sum of \$500 to support the Wachusett Greenways.
- H. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to contract 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**

**7:28PM**

**Article 5.** Moved and seconded to authorize the FY19 revolving funds for certain Town departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

*A scrivener’s error was identified by Town Administrator Nina Nazarian on the Warrant Article. The article should read ...beginning July 1, 2018. The motion has the correct language.*

<b>ARTICLE 5: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION</b>					
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, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.					
<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Authorized to Spend Fund</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Use of Fund</b>	<b>FY 2018 Spending Limit</b>	<b>FY 2019 Spending Limit</b>
Building Department	Bldg. Inspector Town Admin.	Fees from Bldg, Wiring, and Plumbing Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$40,000	\$55,000
Library	Library Director, Town Admin.	Copy Machine, Fax, Fines and Fees	Defray Operational Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000
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	\$30,000	\$30,000
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	\$30,000	\$30,000
Board of Health	Board of Health Town Admin.	Permits & Inspections	Salary & Expense	\$19,000	\$19,000
Cemetery	Cemetery Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Burial Fees	Salary & Expense	\$4,000	\$4,000
Fire Department	Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Town Admin.	Fees from Fire Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$6,500	\$6,500
<b>Maximum Spending</b>					\$148,500



**Article 5 (cont.)****Moderator declared the vote Unanimous****7:29PM**

**ARTICLE 6.** Moved and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to lease real property for an initial term of up to five years (5), with an option to renew the lease for up to three (3), five- (5-) year periods, for the purpose of housing a senior center, a community center or both, in the Selectmen's discretion, such lease to be subject to annual appropriation, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to supplement the amount in the operating budget to pay for the first year's rental, utilities, renovation costs, and furniture, fixtures, & equipment, and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to pay for staffing costs.

**Moderator declared the voter Unanimous****7:51PM**

**ARTICLE 7.** Moved and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey 104 Main Street, being approximately 0.306 acres of land, the so-called Mechanics Hall property, shown on Assessors Map 9A, Lot 31, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, such land and building having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purposes, subject to the Selectmen's decision on the recommendations of a committee, to be formed, and upon any other terms and conditions as determined by the Selectmen, for no less than \$1.

*A motion was made and seconded to strike "on the recommendations of a committee, to be formed and upon any other terms and conditions as determined by the Selectmen, for no less than \$1."*

**Moderator declared that the voice vote did not carry****A raised card vote was then taken as requested by a voter.****Moderator declared that the card vote failed.****2/3 vote required****A vote was then taken on the original motion.****Moderator declared that the vote was Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 8.** Moved and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$1,250,000 for design and engineering services, including the production of construction documents, and for construction and repair costs for the repair and stabilization of Bagg Hall per the Jones Whitsett Architects' Needs Assessment & Four Buildings Master Plan Summary Report, Cost Estimates, Bagg Hall Scope of Work - Priority A and Priority B, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto and to raise and appropriate \$6,300.00 for the payment of interest and issuance costs incurred in fiscal year 2019; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$1,250,000 under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen and any other Town official is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project; any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; provided, however, that the amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by the amount of grants, gifts, donations or other funds, or any combination thereof, received by the Town on account of the project prior to the issuance of any bonds.

*A motion was made and seconded to amend the original motion to insert the words "a ten year bond for" in front of \$1, 250,000.00 under Chapter 44...*

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Moderator declared that the amendment failed.****Question was move****A vote was then taken on the original motion- 2/3 vote required.****Moderator declared the voter carried**

**ARTICLE 9.** Moved and seconded to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 a sum of \$200,000 and transfer from the Emergency Repair Town Building account # 03-5-192-304 a sum of \$150,000 for design and engineering services, including the production of construction documents, and for construction and repair costs for the repair and stabilization of the Town Hall Annex per the Jones Whitsett Architects' Needs Assessment & Four Buildings Master Plan Summary Report, Cost Estimates, Town Hall Annex, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.

**Moderator declared that the vote Carried****8:55PM**

**ARTICLE 10.** Moved and seconded to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 a sum of \$50,000 and transfer from the Princeton Center renovate account # 03-5-192-202 a sum of \$50,000 for design and engineering services, including the production of construction documents, and for construction and repair costs for the repair and stabilization of the Public Safety Building per the Jones Whitsett Architects' Needs Assessment & Four Buildings Master Plan Summary Report, Cost Estimates, Public Safety Critical Repairs, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.

**Moderator declared that the vote Carried**

**9:00PM**

**ARTICLE 11.** Moved and seconded that the Town appropriate a sum of \$7,000,000 for design and engineering services, including the production of construction documents, and for construction of a new Public Safety Building, to include construction on the Princeton Center site, and either the partial or full demolition of the Princeton Center, to be determined by the Selectmen, and including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and to raise and appropriate \$1,800.00 for the payment of issuance costs ; that to meet this appropriation (i) transfer from the infrastructure stabilization account # 85-5-041-000 a sum of \$500,000 and, (ii) the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$6,500,000 under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen and any other Town official is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project; any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; provided, however, that the amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by the amount of grants, gifts, donations or other funds, or any combination thereof, received by the Town on account of the project prior to the issuance of any bonds; provided further that any borrowing authorized by this vote be expressly contingent upon the Town voting to approve a proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion referendum question at a town election to be held.

**2/3 vote required**

*(As well as a vote at a special election).*

Moderator declared the vote Carried

9:48PM

**ARTICLE 12.** Moved and seconded that the Town appropriate a sum of \$6,100,000 for design and engineering services, including the production of construction documents, and for the renovation of Bagg Hall to include the addition of a community center, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and to raise and appropriate \$1,800.00 for the payment of issuance costs; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$6,100,000 under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen and any other Town official is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project; any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; provided, however, that the amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by the amount of grants, gifts, donations or other funds, or any combination thereof, received by the Town on account of the project prior to the issuance of any bonds; provided further that any borrowing authorized by this vote be expressly contingent upon the Town voting to approve a proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion referendum question at a town election to be held.

*Motion was made and seconded to divide the question, 1 part to design the project, 1 part to build.*

*A vote was then taken on whether to divide the question.*

**Moderator declared the motion failed, there would be just one question.**

**2/3 vote required**

*(As well as a vote at a special election).*

Advisory Committee Does Not Approve

**Moderator declared that the vote failed the 2/3 required**

**10:26PM**

**ARTICLE 13.** Moved and seconded to approve the alteration of public ways shown on a plan consisting of eleven (11) pages entitled "Alteration Plan at Redemption Rock Trail (Routes 31 and 140), Main Street (Route 140) and East Princeton Road (Route 31) in Princeton, MA, Worcester County Prepared for the

Town of Princeton, MA” dated April 9, 2018, by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (the “Plan”), a copy of which Plan is on file with the Town Clerk; to accept as part of such public ways the land shown on the Plan as Parcels “E-1” and “E-2,” and pursuant to G.L. c.40, s15A, to transfer the care, custody, management and control of such Parcel “E-1” to the Parks and Recreation Commission for purposes of a wheelchair ramp, and to transfer the care, custody, management and control of such Parcel “E-2” to the Board of Selectmen for public way purposes.

**2/3 vote required**

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous**

**10:28PM**

**ARTICLE 14.** Moved and seconded to rescind Article 10 of the May 15, 2013 Annual Town Meeting and Article 4 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting which votes authorized the Board of Selectmen to establish and maintain a municipal lighting plant for the purpose of operating a telecommunications system pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, §47E, to have all funds of the telecommunications system be returned forthwith to the Town General Fund, terminate the existence of the telecommunications system.

*Friendly amendment by Stan Moss to add “and the equipment” after telecommunications system.*

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Moderator declared the amendment vote Unanimous**

**Amended motion:**

Moved and seconded to rescind Article 10 of the May 15, 2013 Annual Town Meeting and Article 4 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting which votes authorized the Board of Selectmen to establish and maintain a municipal lighting plant for the purpose of operating a telecommunications system pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, §47E, to have all funds of the telecommunications system and the equipment be returned forthwith to the Town General Fund, terminate the existence of the telecommunications system.

**Moderator declared the amended motion vote Unanimous**

**10:32PM**

**ARTICLE 15.** Moved and seconded to appropriate a sum of \$614,000 for the purchase of fire trucks/tankers, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation (i) raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to offset the borrowing and the sum of \$14,000 for the payment of interest and issuance costs in fiscal year 2019, and (ii) either (a) the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$480,000 under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority and any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; or (b) that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a period of up to 15 years upon such terms and conditions as they shall determine; provided, however, that the amount authorized to be borrowed or to be applied to a lease pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by the amount of grants, gifts, donations or other funds, or any combination thereof, received by the Town on account of the project prior to the issuance of any bonds; that the particular method of meeting this appropriation (i.e. by borrowing or by lease) shall be determined by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen; and that the Board of Selectmen and any other Town official is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

**2/3 vote required.**

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous**

**10:40PM**

**ARTICLE 16.** Moved and seconded to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$2,047 to the School Septic System Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reserving funds for the replacement and/or repair of the septic system at the Thomas Prince School.

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous**

**10:43PM**

**ARTICLE 17.** Moved and seconded to pass over Article 17.

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous**

**10:44PM**

**ARTICLE 18.** Moved and seconded to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 a sum of \$3,105.00 to fund a parking lot repair project at the Early Childhood Center and District Office.

**Moderator declared that the vote Carried**

**10:45PM**

**ARTICLE 19.** Moved and seconded to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 a sum of \$19,000.00 to make repairs to the Gazebo located on the Town Common with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2020 being returned to their original funding source.

**Moderator declared that the voter Carried**

**10:47PM**

**ARTICLE 20.** Moved and seconded to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 a sum of \$5,000.00 to paint the interior of Fire Station #2 with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2020 being returned to their original funding source.

**Moderator declared that the vote Carried**

**10:48PM**

**ARTICLE 21.** Moved and seconded to allow the remaining funds in the IT Infrastructure/Accounting Software account #03-5-126-302, having a sum of \$28,030.15 established for the purpose of to assessing, and upgrading 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 to be extended through June 30, 2019, and to vote to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 a sum of \$5,000.00 to upgrade the information technology infrastructure, including but not limited to a server solution, and workstation replacements.

**Moderator declared that the vote Carried**

**10:53PM**

**ARTICLE 22.** Moved and seconded to allow the remaining funds in the Bagg Hall Second Floor Cleaning account #03-5-192-209, having a sum of \$4,140.28 established for the purpose of sorting and in accordance with the Records Retention laws retaining or disposal of records in Bagg Hall to be extended through June 30, 2020.

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous**

**10:55PM**

**ARTICLE 23.** Moved and seconded, pursuant to Mass. General Laws c. 82, §§ 21-23 to accept as a public way, Isaac's Way, which is shown as a cul de sac on the plan entitled "The Knoll at East Princeton" and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed or deeds by gift for said road from the owners, or take any action relative thereto. The original subdivision plan was prepared by Andrysick Land Surveying, PO Box 97, Princeton, Mass. dated September 23, 2003 with a revised date of 3/30/04, for Clayton Mosher, 72 Gleason Road, Princeton, Mass. The plan was originally filed on November 5, 2003 concerning the property located southerly off East Princeton Road and westerly off Main Street (Map 9A Parcel 4 & Map 9 Parcel 24) and showing five (5) proposed lots.

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous**

**11:02PM**

**ARTICLE 24.** Moved and seconded to a) amend the Princeton Zoning By-Law by the addition of SECTION XXII: SIGNS as proposed below. And to b) amend the Princeton Zoning Bylaw by deleting existing Section III-1-(H) (Residential-Agricultural District: Signs), existing Section IV-1-(I) (Business District: Signs), the definition of Sign in existing Section X, and the definition of Sign Area in existing Section X, and change the reference in existing Section XVIII-2-(C) to read "...permitted in Section XXII.2.A". And to c) amend Chapter X – TOWN ROADS AND WAYS, SECTION 2.(b), of the General By-Laws, by deleting it in its entirety.

## **SECTION XXII. SIGNS**

1. Purpose. Signs are devices designed to inform or attract the attention of persons not on the premises on which the device is located. This by-law regulates the design and placement of signs, and is intended to strike a balance between the need to inform and attract attention, and the preservation of the rural and agricultural character of the Town.
2. Residential-Agricultural Districts.
  - A. Home Occupations. Property that is used for a home occupation may have one permanent sign for that home occupation, not to exceed six (6) square feet in area. The sign may be free-standing, or attached to the building in which the home occupation is conducted.
  - B. Agricultural Activities. Property that is used for agricultural activities may have one permanent freestanding sign for those agricultural activities, not to exceed six (6) square feet in area, and one permanent sign affixed to each building used for those agricultural activities. A projecting or hanging sign attached to a building shall not exceed twelve

(12) square feet in area. A sign attached flat to the wall of a building shall be no larger than 5 percent (5 %) of the area of the wall.

- C. Real Estate Signs. Property that is for sale or for rent may have one sign not to exceed six (6) square feet in area. The sign may be free-standing, or affixed to the building which is for sale or lease.
  - D. Personal Signs. An owner may have one permanent personal sign identifying the property. Free-standing personal signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area. Personal signs that are affixed to buildings shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area.
  - E. Signs Incidental to a Permitted Use. An owner may have one permanent sign incidental to a permitted use. Free-standing signs incidental to a permitted use shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area. Signs incidental to a permitted use that are affixed to buildings shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area.
  - F. “Open” Flags. A home occupation or agricultural activity may have a single “Open” flag affixed to a free-standing sign or to a building when the business is open. “Open” flags shall not be larger than 4 feet by 6 feet.
  - G. Temporary Promotional Signs. A home occupation or an agricultural activity may have one temporary promotional sign when the business is open. The temporary promotional sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area.
3. Business and Business-Industrial Districts. Properties and buildings used for business or industrial purposes in Business or Business-Industrial Districts may have permanent free-standing signs identifying the building or property and listing the businesses conducted in the building or on the property. Each business located in a building may have one additional permanent sign affixed to the building.
- A. Free-Standing Signs – Single Business. Properties that are used for a single business may have one permanent free-standing sign identifying the property and the business not to exceed thirty (30) square feet in area.
  - B. Free-Standing Signs – Multiple Businesses. Properties that are used for multiple businesses may have one permanent free-standing sign identifying the property and the building(s) and listing the multiple businesses, or two permanent free-standing signs if permitted by paragraph 3.D. The portion of a free-standing sign identifying the property or building shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in area. The portion of a free-standing sign identifying each business on the property or within the building shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area for each business. The total area of a free-standing sign shall not exceed sixty (60) square feet in area.
  - C. Affixed Signs. Permanent signs affixed to buildings may be attached flat against the wall of the building, or projecting or hanging at an angle to the wall of the building. A projecting or hanging sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area. The area of a sign attached flat against the wall of a building shall not exceed 5 percent (5 %) of the area of the wall. Where there are multiple businesses within a building, the total area of all signs attached flat against the wall shall not exceed 5 percent (5 %) of the area of the wall.
  - D. Large Properties and Buildings. Properties that have more than 300 feet of frontage or that have a total building area in excess of 10,000 square feet may have two permanent free-standing signs identifying the building or property and listing the businesses conducted in the building or on the property, and additional permanent signs affixed to the building for each business located in a building. The total area of a free-standing sign shall not exceed sixty (60) square feet in area. The total area of two free-standing signs shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet in area.
  - E. Temporary Promotional Signs. A business may have a single temporary promotional sign mounted on a movable, non-permanent frame when the business is open. Temporary promotional signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. For

property that is used for multiple businesses, each business may have a temporary promotional sign.

- F. “Open” Flags. A business may have a single “Open” flag affixed to a free-standing sign or to a building when the business is open. “Open” flags shall not be larger than 4 feet by 6 feet.
4. Design Criteria. All signs shall comply with the following design criteria. In the case of signs existing when this by-law was adopted that do not comply with these design criteria, when those signs are replaced, or repaired at a cost in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), the replacement sign or repaired sign shall comply with these design criteria.
- A. Signs may be three-dimensional, provided that nothing protrudes more than twelve (12) inches from the face of the sign.
  - B. Signs shall be illuminated only by non-flashing white light directed at the sign. The light may be mounted over the sign, or on the ground.
  - C. Signs with neon, other gaseous tubes, or any form of interior illumination, are not permitted.
  - D. Signs (other than “Open” flags) and all components of signs shall be stationary.
  - E. The area of a sign shall be the area of the smallest horizontally or vertically oriented rectangle which could enclose all of the display area of the sign including the backing of the sign. For signs flat against a building, the area of the sign shall also include any backing that is different in color or material from the finish material of the side of the building. In calculating the area, there shall be no deduction for open spaces or other irregularities. Structural members shall not be included in calculating the area. Only one side of a back-to-back sign shall be included in calculating the area.
  - F. Free-standing signs and temporary promotional signs shall not obstruct the view of drivers of vehicles entering or leaving the property.
  - G. Free-standing signs and temporary promotional signs shall be set back not less than thirty (30) feet from the side lot lines of the property.
5. Signs on Town Property. The Board of Selectmen has jurisdiction over all matters involving signs on Town property, including along public rights of way.
- A. No person shall post, paste, or paint any sign or advertisement upon any tree, rock, fence, guidepost, utility pole, street sign pole, traffic sign pole, or bridge or other structure within the public right of way.
  - B. No person shall place any sign on Town property without the permission of the Board of Selectmen.
  - C. The Board of Selectmen may authorize the placement within the public right of way of signs announcing the time and place of meetings of service clubs and organizations.
  - D. The Board of Selectmen may authorize the placement within the public right of way of directional signs for businesses and places of interest, consistent with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Any such sign shall be metal, shall be rectangular in shape, shall have plain white lettering not more than 6” high on a blue background, and shall be purchased, installed, and maintained by the Highway Department at the expense of the person requesting the sign.
  - E. The Board of Selectmen may authorize the placement of temporary signs within the public right of way advertising locally grown agricultural products or charitable or civic events.
    - i. No such sign shall be placed without the written consent of the owner of the land abutting the location of the temporary sign.

- ii. Any such sign shall be freestanding, and shall not be attached to any utility pole, tree, street sign post, or traffic sign post.
- iii. Any such sign shall not obstruct the view of drivers of vehicles entering or leaving the public way.
- iv. Any such sign shall conform to the size and design criteria in this by-law.

6. Exclusions. This by-law is not intended to regulate

- A. the placement or display of signs for candidates for political office or ballot questions;
- B. the placement or display of flags and insignia of government, unless in connection with a business activity;
- C. the posting of legal notices;
- D. the erection of informational devices required by public agencies;
- E. temporary signs not within the public right of way erected for a charitable or religious event, provided that such signs are removed within fifteen (15) days following the event;
- F. signs directing traffic, parking, or pedestrians;
- G. signs and displays within buildings;
- H. house numbers;
- I. menus, bulletin boards, hours of operation, and similar small print displays affixed to a door, window, or side of a building, and intended to be read by pedestrians entering the building; or
- J. boundary markers, no trespassing signs, warning signs, and similar signs.

7. Enforcement. The Building Inspector shall enforce this by-law.

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous 11:02PM**

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous 11:03PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne F. Grettum, Town Clerk