

# Special Town Meeting Princeton, MA 01541 September 7, 2017

Warrant duly posted: August 22, 2017  
 Inhabitants notified by website posting: August 22, 2017  
 Advisory Board Hearing: September 5, 2017  
 Quorum needed: 54  
 Voters Present: 147  
 Moderator: Harry Pape  
 Checkers/Counters: Carolyn Nelson, Sandra Lord, Jane Weisman  
 Police Sergeant: Ricky Thebeau  
 Meeting called to order: 7:08PM  
 Meeting dissolved: 7:38PM

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.  
**Unanimous** **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.

Article 1. Moved and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land parcels or rights in land for the purpose of construction and roadway safety improvements for Reconstruction for a Portion of Route 140.

	Total # Parcels	Area (Square Feet)
Permanent Easements	<u>32, but not to exceed 35</u>	<u>27,434, but not to exceed 30,000</u>
Temporary Easements	<u>69, but not to exceed 75</u>	<u>43,592, but not to exceed 45,000</u>

And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, deed, or eminent domain, the land, easements and rights therein. The subject parcels are identified on plans entitled Plan and Profile of Route 140 (Bridge No. P-16-017) in the Town of Princeton, Worcester County, 100% Submittal, drafted by Greenman-Pederson, Inc. and dated July 26, 2017, and listed in plans entitled Plan and Profile of Route 140 (Bridge No. P-16-017) in the Town of Princeton, Worcester County, Preliminary Right of Way, drafted by Greenman-Pederson, Inc. and dated July 27, 2017, filed with the Office of the Town Clerk.

Advisory Board Approved

Kevin Toohey of the Road Advisory Committee presented the committee’s opinion in favor of the article.

After discussion of the article on the floor a motion was made and seconded to move the question. A voice vote, requiring a 2/3 majority to cease debate, was taken.  
**Moderator declared that the voice vote was a 2/3 majority to cease debate.** **7:36PM**

Article 1 was then put to a vote.  
**Moderator declared the motion carried; needed only simple majority.** **7:37PM**

Point of Order- A resident asked for clarification on the 2/3 versus simple majority needed for the main motion. The Moderator explained that Town Counsel advised that the main motion required only a simple majority.

A motion was moved and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.  
**Unanimous** **7:38PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Grettum  
Town Clerk