

# Special Town Meeting Princeton, Ma 01541 September 13, 2016

Warrant duly posted:	August 30, 2016
Inhabitants notified by website posting:	August 30, 2016
Advisory Board Hearing:	September 7, 2016
Quorum needed:	53
Voters Present:	386
Moderator:	Harry Pape
Checkers/Counters:	Carolyn Nelson, Joyce Szerejko, Charlotte Stirewalt, Stacey Belculfini, Barbara Gates
Constable:	Sgt. Ricky Thebeau
Meeting called to order:	7:13PM
Meeting dissolved:	8:36PM

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 7:14PM**

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 Sgt. Ricky Thebeau

**ARTICLE 1.** Voted to appropriate by transfer from Fiscal Year 2017 departmental appropriations the following amounts to prior years' bills.

<u>Unpaid Bill</u>	<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Maki Building Centers	2016	\$ 12.95
Verizon	2016	\$191.43

### Advisory Committee Approves

**Moderator declared the vote was Unanimous at 7:20PM**

**ARTICLE 2.** Voted to pass over Article 2.

Advisory Committee Approves Vote to Pass Over

Voice vote was taken.

**Moderator declared the vote was a clear majority, motion to pass over article passes**

**ARTICLE 3.** Citizens' Petition

*Kathy Conway of 90 Mirick Road read the Motion for the Citizens' Petition*

Moved and seconded that the town adopt the provisions of Ma General Law Chapter 164, Sec55(1) and elect a municipal light board for the Princeton Broadband Municipal Light Plant consisting of five residents of the town ( as soon as reasonably achievable ) to replace the current board. Of the five-member board, initially one shall be elected for one year, two for two years and two for three years and thereafter, the terms shall be for three years. Members of the Princeton Broadband Municipal Light Plant board may not hold a position on another Princeton Town board or be a full or part-time employee of the Town of Princeton.

### Advisory Committee Approves

An amendment to the motion was made by David Valcovic, 319 Ball Hill Rd. and seconded to replace the words "as soon as reasonably achievable" with "no later than November 21, 2016".

An amendment to the original amendment was made by Darcy Rowell, 31A Bullard Rd. and seconded to replace the words "as soon as reasonably achievable" with "at the next Annual Town Meeting".

**Advisory Committee approved the amendment to the original amendment.**

Moderator called for a vote on the amendment to the original amendment.

**The Moderator declared that the Ayes have it– The amendment to the original amendment was approved.**

The amended motion reads as follows:

Moved and seconded that the town adopt the provisions of Ma General Law Chapter 164, Sec55(1) and elect a municipal light board for the Princeton Broadband Municipal Light Plant consisting of five residents of the town at **the next Annual Town Election** to replace the current board. Of the five-member board, initially one shall be elected for one year, two for two years and two for three years and thereafter, the terms shall be for three years. Members of the Princeton Broadband Municipal Light Plant board may not hold a position on another Princeton Town board or be a full or part-time employee of the Town of Princeton.

**NOTE:** The original amendment to the amendment read as follows “at the next Annual Town Meeting”. The Town Administrator, Nina Nazarian, corrected the error in reference from the Annual Town Meeting to the Annual Town Election.

A motion was made by Robert Cumming, 123 Beaman Rd. and seconded to pass over Article 3.

Advisory Committee was asked for their opinion on the motion to pass over. After the Committee caucused for several minutes the **Advisory Committee recommended that the Town not pass over Article 3.**

Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to pass over Article 3 and the Moderator determined the voice vote was inconclusive. Moderator then called for voters to raise their cards for and against passing over.

**Moderator declared that the motion to pass over Article 3 was defeated.**

Advisory Committee was asked by a voter for their opinion on the revised Article 3 motion. After a several minute caucus the **Advisory Committee approved the amended Article 3 motion.**

Moderator called for a vote on the amended motion.

**Moderator declared that the motion carries at 8:35PM**

Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

**Moderator declared the vote Unanimous**

Meeting was dissolved at 8:36PM

**Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Grettum  
Town Clerk**