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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board met in mid-June to establish its goals for the Fiscal Year 2011 that began July 1. We've since spent the summer beginning our work on them.

An item of major discussion has been the declining enrollment trend at the Thomas Prince School. Wachusett Regional School District Superintendent Thomas Pandiscio attended one of our June meetings to speak about how that may affect the program at the middle school level. He introduced the concept of Princeton seventh and eighth graders attending a renovated or replaced Mountview School in Holden.

The Board's clear preference is that all our middle schoolers continue to receive at Thomas Prince the excellent education that has been provided there for many years. We have recently appointed a Study Committee of seven citizens to examine all options and report.

The Board is very proud of the excellent public safety services provided by the Police, Fire, and EMS Departments over the years. It is the Board's responsibility to constantly look to improve services and control costs. To that end in August we also appointed a Public Safety Committee of seven to analyze what we do and see what can be done better



or more cost effectively.

Our other goals for FY 11 may be found at: http://town.princeton.ma.us/Pages/PrincetonMA_BOS/fy11goals.pdf

Bagg Hall Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8-4
(individual dept. hours vary)

Evenings

Town Clerk, Tues. 5-7 PM
Tax Collector, Tues. 7-8PM
Building Insp., Wed. 5-7PM

OUR PURPOSE

Bagg Hall News is our new effort to better inform Princetonians of what your town government is doing. Issued quarterly, it will issue reminders, discuss municipal activities, and inform you of the issues that affect us all.

Much more additional information is available 24/7 at the town's website, www.town.princeton.ma.us, where you can use the "Subscribe to News" link to have this and other important items automatically e-mailed to you.

We hope you find **Bagg Hall News** to keep you more aware of what your municipal government does. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

Joe O'Brien, Raymond Dennehy, Edie Morgan
Board of Selectmen

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **State Election Primary**, Tuesday, September 14 from 7 AM-8 PM. Lynne Grettum, Town Clerk, 978-464-2103, townclerk@town.princeton.ma.us
- **On-site Public Meeting**, Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 6 PM at corner Calamint Rd South and Ball Hill Rd to view trees under consideration for removal for Calamint S reconstruction. Joe Lee, Tree Warden, 978-464-5447
- **Selectmen's Public Hearing**, Monday, Sept. 13 at 6:00 PM, PMLD lobby, to consider tree removals for Calamint S reconstruction and on Wheeler Rd. 978-464-2102, selectmen@town.princeton.ma.us
- **Property Tax Bills** are due October 1. Bonnie Schmohl, Tax Collector, 978-464-2101, bschmohl@town.princeton.ma.us
- **Wachusett Recycling Center** open Wednesdays 2-4 PM and Third Sat. of month from 8-11 AM. Also Sat 9/18, 8-11 AM for Household Hazardous Waste. Colleen Abrams, 508-829-3954, <http://wachusettearthday.org/>
- **Farmers Market** is every Thursday, 3:30-6:30 PM on the Common.



NOTES FROM BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Planning Board:

Working on bylaw to establish East Princeton Village Overlay district, intended to retain

village feeling and allow some mixed use, per the Town's Master Plan. **Road Advisory Committee:** Gates Rd reconstruction 99% completed, Calamint Hill Rd South reconstruction scheduled for this fall. RAC is working with the **Rt. 140 Safety Improvement Task Force** to identify priority items for Princeton's portion of Rt. 140 between I-190 and Rt. 2. **Board of Health:** reminds residents to take precautions to avoid potential exposure to West Nile

Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis via bites from infected mosquitoes. **Board of Assessors:** Contracted with Patrick Harring to conduct on-site inspections of all private property as required by Dept. of Revenue. Mr. Harring has town-issued ID and Police may be called to verify. **Princeton Center Management Committee:** Seeking two new members. Gaile Rollins, 978-464-5977, coa@town.princeton.ma.us

Historical Commission:

Continuing restoration of Meeting House Cemetery with Cemetery Commission. West Village accepted as National Register Historic District, permanent marker coming soon. **Trustees of Trust Funds:** Seeking donations to The Princeton Community Trust, established to benefit Princeton residents in need. John Lebeaux, 978-464-2102, jlebeaux@town.princeton.ma.us

NOTES FROM TOWN DEPARTMENTS

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Police: Off. John Chase successfully completed twenty-one weeks of intense training and graduated from the Western Mass. Police Academy on August 4. Chief Powers reminds residents to keep homes and vehicles secure to deter break-ins. **Tree Warden:** Stump grinding has been ongoing to remove hazards on major roads. **Highway:** Conducting summer

maintenance (mowing, brush removal, pothole repair) and preparing for winter season, Acquired at no cost a US government surplus truck in excellent condition and is modifying the body for wood chips and other uses. **Fire:** Making modifications to a pre-owned engine purchased at a very favorable cost to upgrade from an existing engine. **Parks & Rec:** Registration

materials for fall afterschool and adult programs becoming available at town website where you may also learn about Scarecrow Festival and subscribe to *Recreation News*. **Library:** Expecting visits this fall from Mother Goose, Shakespeare, a Russian tenor and others, www.princetonpubliclibrary.org or 978-464-2115

ASK BAGG HALL YOUR QUESTION!

I'm new to Princeton and Massachusetts-just how is the town governed? Princeton governs its municipal affairs with the traditional New England Open Town Meeting/Board of Selectmen model. Three Selectmen, one elected every May to a three-year term, serve as the executive branch. Each May and at other times as needed, any registered

voter may participate and vote at a Town Meeting, the legislative body, which considers proposals brought to it by the Selectmen or by petition. The annual budget, zoning and bylaw changes and many other questions require Town Meeting approval. The judicial branch of Princeton's government is the state court system.

Public education (K-12) is provided by the Wachusett Regional School District. Princeton has two elected members of the governing body, a twenty member Regional School Committee.

Have a question? Email selectmen@town.princeton.ma.us, call 978-464-2102, or send USPS Mail to 6 Town Hall Dr.

