

TOWN OF PRINCETON, MA  
Princeton Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

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**AC members in attendance:** Peter Giumette, Jennifer Greene, Josh Tanenbaum, Forrest Finkler  
The AC meeting commenced at 6:01 p.m. (via GoToMeeting)

**Approval of 3/5/24 meeting minutes**

Peter made a motion to approve the minutes; Josh Seconded; 3Y/0N/1A

**Public Comments**

Roger Brooks: Noted that PFAS was assigned to highway budget in infographic and stated that it should instead be listed under Board of Health. Mr. Brooks stated that the highway department's purchasing power has diminished by approximately 40%.

**Liaison updates**

**FMT: Peter**

- WRSD budget is increasing by over 8%; original 7.1% increase was calculated wrong. Public hearing on the WRSD budget is next Tuesday, 3/26, at 6:30PM.
- Issue with the culvert on Ball Hill Rd; engineer that originally did the design was not certified. We will need to get designs again from a certified engineer.
- 3/13 FMT meeting covered various budget increases in town; some salaries have increased to suggested baselines from salary study from last year. Flat 3% increase suggested in initial preliminary budget otherwise.

**Selectboard: Peter**

- Met on 3/6; larger turnout than usual. Many citizens advocated for increased speed limit enforcement in East Princeton.
- Select board tentatively approved the FY2025 capital expense budget. Princeton is not able to bill ambulance calls where the person who the ambulance was called for refuses transport via ambulance. Each such response is estimated to cost the town roughly \$500.
- SB scheduled a hearing for all town committees on 4/25; Peter stated that the AC should have a table at that event.

**Old Business**

- Review of budget development and review schedule to ensure quorum at upcoming events
  - Available at [town.princeton.ma.us/home/upcoming-budget-related-events](https://town.princeton.ma.us/home/upcoming-budget-related-events)

**New business**

- AC needs to update its FY24 budget report in collaboration with SB, ideally 3-4 weeks prior to annual town meeting.
- AC may host a 'Meet the Candidates' night prior to town election in May. Would need to decide:
  - Location
  - Format
  - Moderator/presenter
  - League of Women Voters has guidelines on their website for similar events.
  - Holly Burgess suggested collaborating with candidates to ensure fairness and transparency.

- Jen and Josh volunteered to form working committee for this event.
- Peter noted that this event should occur around or prior to one week prior to the election (May 6th or 7th). Candidates in elections with opponents should attend; other candidates may attend.
- Peter moved to approve posting of candidates' night at least one week prior to the election; Jen seconded. Motion passed unanimously; 4Y/0N/0A.

**Next AC Meeting**

The AC will meet next on Tuesday, 4/2/2024 at 6:00PM.

Jen motioned to adjourn the meeting; Josh seconded: 4Y/0N/0A

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Josh Tanenbaum.