

Special Town Meeting Princeton, MA 01541 March 11, 2024

Warrant duly posted:	February 22, 2024
Inhabitants notified by website posting:	February 22, 2024
Advisory Board Hearing:	February 27, 2024
Quorum needed:	62
Voters Present:	79
Moderator:	Harry Pape
Checkers/Counters:	Lynne Grettum, Frances Thomas, Jean Green and Carolyn Nelson
Acting Constable:	Chief Paul Patriarca
Meeting called to order:	6:36 PM
Meeting dissolved:	7:28 PM

All votes were taken by voice vote unless otherwise noted.

The Town Counsel was not present.

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.

The Moderator declared the vote Unanimous at 6:37 PM

The Moderator read the charge to the Constable, and the Return of the Warrant.

The Moderator announced that the State Legislature had recently validated the actions taken at the Annual Town Meeting in 2023, and therefore recommended passing over Article 4, having been included in the Annual Town Meeting.

The moderator noted that the Citizens’ Caucus will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm at the Town Hall Annex.

ARTICLE 1. Moved and seconded to appropriate by transfer the sum of \$30,276.54 from Free Cash to fund the cost items of the first fiscal year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Princeton Police Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 044 (“the Police Union)

Advisory Committee Approves 4-0

The Moderator declared the vote CARRIED at 7:20pm.

ARTICLE 2. Moved and seconded to accept the provisions of G.L. c.44, §54(b) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with G.L. c.203C, the so called “Prudent Investor Rule.”

Advisory Committee Approves 4-0

The Moderator declared the vote UNANIMOUS at 7:21pm.

ARTICLE 3. Moved and seconded to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,157.16 for the purpose of establishing an Opioid Remediation Fund to be used for programs and strategies to support opioid treatment and recovery.

Advisory Committee Approves 4-0

The Moderator declared the vote UNANIMOUS at 7:26pm.

ARTICLE 4. A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 4, to vote to authorize, under G.L. c. 44, § 21C, upon the recommendation of the Selectboard, the following lease purchase financing agreements for the acquisition of equipment that may be acquired through the issuance of debt under G.L. c. 44, the term of such agreement not to exceed the useful life of the equipment or improvement as determined by the Selectboard, and to authorize the departments below to enter into such agreements on behalf of the Town, subject to appropriation for the first year payments of the agreements as stated below:

Equipment / Capital Asset	Max Term	Authorized Department	Appropriation
Police Cruiser (1)	3 years	Police	FY 25
Backhoe	5 years	Highway	FY 25
Ambulance	5 years	Ambulance	FY 25

Advisory Committee Approves 4-0

The Moderator declared the vote to PASSOVER article 4 UNANIMOUS at 7:27 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

The Moderator declared the vote UNANIMOUS at 7:28pm.

Meeting dissolved at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alissa K. Horsung,
Town Clerk