

Town of Princeton, Mass. – May 1, 2017 – 5 PM Board of Selectmen – Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Stan Moss, Edith Morgan, and Jon Fudeman plus TA Nina Nazarian.

5:17 PM Stan opened BOS meeting in the Town Hall Annex after PBMLP meeting concluded.

Selectmen voted all in favor to adopt the Cable Television Initial Licensing Statement of Reasons, as written, and to submit correspondence to MBI requesting that they provide a grant to Charter Communications to serve Princeton.

Selectmen voted all in favor to post the advertisement and position description for the Alternate Building Inspector. They then voted all in favor to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with GPI for Phase III of the design for Route 140.

Nina explained that the town will move forward and she will enter into a contract with the state to complete an IT Assessment through Rutter Technologies for \$5,500 through grant funds from the state – with the grant updated to reflect Brian Podesta as the Town contact.

She outlined a Capital Improvements Plan using the Collins Center and Community Compact grant funds. She explained the option of completing a “Comprehensive Financial Analysis” which can be done separately through the Division of Local Services, Technical Assistance Bureau. She noted that she is strongly considering it in preparation of the TA’s FY18 goals.

To do an analysis, the town can enlist an independent CPA; or, the Technical Assistance Bureau of the DLS which would be at no cost. Jon sparked a discussion on the possible ability of local volunteers or town officials to do a Capital Improvement Plan, as hired professionals cannot tell the town what to do with its buildings—it’s ultimately a local decision. The group looked online to check out an existing report from DLS, for the town of Bolton from a few years ago. They agreed that it was extremely comprehensive compared to what would be something similar from the Collins Center.

Stan recommended that after the Building Study is done, a Capital Improvement Plan with the Collins Center can be completed. Jon pointed out that the best-laid plans and studies can be rolled out to voters--all to be denied funding at Town Meeting. Stan suggested that any “big spending” plan need to be introduced over a couple of years and that a Capital Improvement Plan crafted by an outside consultant would bring credibility to the effort and help its chances of getting funding approved.

Selectmen voted all in favor to proceed with a Capital Improvement Plan and authorize the TA to sign a contract with the Collins Center. They voted all in favor to engage the DLS Technical Service Assistance Bureau with a financial analysis.

5:55 PM Nina reported that bids are going out soon for repair to Bagg Hall Chimney and that the roof job at Fire Station #2 is complete and waiting for final inspection.

6:01 PM Selectmen voted all in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Auger, admin.assist.

BOS Referenced Documents: Draft Issuing Authority Statement of Reasons; Draft letter to the MBI regarding grant to Charter; ad and description for an Alternate Building Inspector; listing of services offered by the Collins Center for Public Management; GPI contract; Community Compact IT Grant

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