

Town of Princeton, Massachusetts

Annual Report 2020

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ANNUAL REPORT for 2020

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Cover design is a display of signs that “greeted” residents this year at Town Hall, which was housed for most of the year at Post Office Place while Bagg Hall was renovated.

PRINCETON, Massachusetts: A Town Profile

Settled: October 20, 1759; Incorporated April 24, 1771
County: Worcester
Population: 3,507
Area: 22,850 acres or 35.8 square miles
Elevation
at Town Hall: Approximately 1,175 feet above mean sea level
Miles of Road: 77.9 miles
Area Code: 978
Zip Code: 01541

Government: Three Member Part-time Select Board
Town Administrator
Open Town Meeting – Second Tuesday in May (excepting 2020)
Town Election – Second Monday in May

FY 2020 Tax Rate	\$16.12 per thousand
FY 2019 Tax Rate	\$16.02 per thousand
FY 2018 Tax Rate	\$17.28 per thousand
FY 2017 Tax Rate	\$17.78 per thousand
FY 2016 Tax Rate	\$17.80 per thousand
FY 2015 Tax Rate	\$17.30 per thousand
FY 2014 Tax Rate	\$17.24 per thousand
FY 2013 Tax Rate	\$17.50 per thousand
FY 2012 Tax Rate	\$16.84 per thousand

Public Schools: Thomas Prince School (K-8)
Wachusett Regional High School (9-12)
Montachusett Regional Vocational High School

Public Safety: Full-time Police
On-call Fire Department with Ambulance Service

Public Library: Goodnow Memorial Building, dedicated in 1884

Utilities: Electric: Princeton Municipal Light Department
Telephone: Verizon
Cable TV/internet: Spectrum - Charter Communications

Hospitals: Henry Heywood Hospital (Gardner)
U-Mass Leominster Hospital (Leominster)
U-Mass Memorial Medical Center (Worcester)
St. Vincent's Hospital (Worcester)

Churches: Prince of Peace Church (Catholic)
First Congregational Church (Protestant)
Heritage Bible Chapel (Christian)

Selectboard

2020 Annual Report

This past year was, for Princeton as well as much of the world, one of challenges and opportunities. We started the year with PFAS on our minds. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a family of human-made chemicals that are found in a wide range of products. We had just been notified in late October of 2019 that we had high levels of PFAS in our Town Hall complex well. Tighe & Bond, our licensed site professional, filed a Release Notification and Immediate Response Action Plan. We began the process of testing private wells close to the original detection point and moving the testing radius out further and further as PFAS was detected. By the end of 2020, approximately 100 private wells had been tested. Point-of-entry treatment systems (POETs) had been installed in 21 homes and several more installations were scheduled. While testing was going on to determine the extent of the problem, Tighe & Bond worked with a consultant to try to identify the source of the contamination. The likely culprit was AAAF fire-fighting foam used on either the 30 Mountain Rd fire in 2017 or at the Town center many years before that. At a special Town Meeting called in February, residents approved the borrowing of one million dollars for the investigation and remediation of the PFAS contamination. As 2020 drew to a close, focus remained on the health of residents while further work was done to identify the source and plan for the future.

In early March, we started to hear about COVID-19. The last in-person event the Selectboard participated in was Town Caucus on March 11. Several people noted that the pre-caucus pot luck wasn't as well attended as the prior year's and speculated it was because of the fear of COVID-19. Town buildings were closed to the public on March 15th with the plan to re-evaluate on April 1. The Town scrambled to offer online access to day-to-day functions of the Town. Virtual meetings became the norm. John Bennett led an Emergency Response Team comprising members of various departments and boards in Town. John's regular CODE RED communications to the Town served to inform, reassure, and warn residents. Overall, everyone rose to the occasion. Our public safety departments handled the increased calls and risk. Our employees learned how to work remotely. Our board and committee members mastered new technology and kept their operations going. Our residents accepted our new normal and did what they could to keep themselves and their friends and neighbors safe. They put up with the missteps made as well learning how to function remotely. Our residents also showed a lot of tolerance as our beautiful streets and peaceful hiking trails drew thousands of new people to our Town for its recreational opportunities. As 2020 ended, COVID-19 was on an uptick in town and Chief Bennett was cautioning us to not let down our guard and to stay safe while waiting for the new vaccines to roll out. Hope was in sight.

In spite of PFAS and COVID, the normal business of the Town continued. The Selectboard, Advisory Committee, and Financial Team were close to finalizing the budget for FY21 when COVID hit. The financial implications to the town depended, in part, on the financial implications to the state and the federal government. Everyone was working with a lot of uncertainty. The town eventually postponed the Annual Town Meeting by about a month and approved a conservative budget that was stripped of most capital projects.

COVID didn't impact the town financially too badly in 2020. Most extra expenses that were COVID-related were funded by the federal CARES act.

During 2020, the town finished two stabilization projects that were long overdue. The town center public safety building and Bagg Hall projects were completed on time and close to on budget. The town voted at Annual Town Meeting in June to allocate more to the Bagg Hall project because of a few unexpected items that were discovered. The work was done well and Town Hall staff was back in their home in February 2021. Note that the stabilization of the public safety building is a band-aid to get the town a few more years out of the building while we work on building a new one.

The town also completed the 140 Project that replaced the East Princeton bridge and added traffic calming measures to the village. Historically-appropriate lighting and new sidewalks improve the village for residents.

The Town welcomed Governor Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Representative Kim Ferguson, members from the Mass Broadband Initiative, and representatives from Charter Spectrum to town in January 2020 to celebrate the successful rollout of fiber to the home internet service to all residents in town. We're fortunate to have high speed internet in the time of COVID since it enables remote work and remote education as well as town government meetings

The year was also a time of staff turnover. We lost our town clerk, principal assessor, cemetery superintendent, tree warden, and Council on Aging director. Much thanks to Lynne Grettum for coming back as interim town clerk to help us through the fall elections and to train our new town clerk, Nate Boudreau.

The Selectboard said goodbye to Student Representative Adam King and welcomed Chase Davenport, a junior at Assumption College. Both Adam and Chase provided valuable input during Selectboard deliberations.

Town Administrator Sherry Patch played a critical role this year in identifying grant opportunities and working with the Environmental Action Committee, Selectboard, Advisory Committee, and Road Advisory Committee to position the town to benefit from these opportunities.

The Selectboard would like to thank all our employees, volunteers, and residents for working together during this difficult year.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cruise, chair

Richard Bisk, clerk

Matthew Moncreaff

Report of the Town Counsel for 2020

The Town's first effort to convey the Mechanics' Hall property subject to an historic preservation restriction foundered early in the year when the lone respondent to the Town's request for proposals backed out of the deal. I did much work in 2020 toward a replacement plan by a developer who proposes to provide still better improvements to the property in return for the right to use it as a retail marijuana establishment. Another carry-over project from the previous year was the effort to compel a scofflaw either to install a conforming septic system or to abandon the residential use of his property. That litigation was interrupted by COVID-19, which complicated life for everyone in and out of Town government. Legally, the pandemic posed issues about how to conduct open meetings and public hearings, as well as when to schedule and how to hold town meetings.

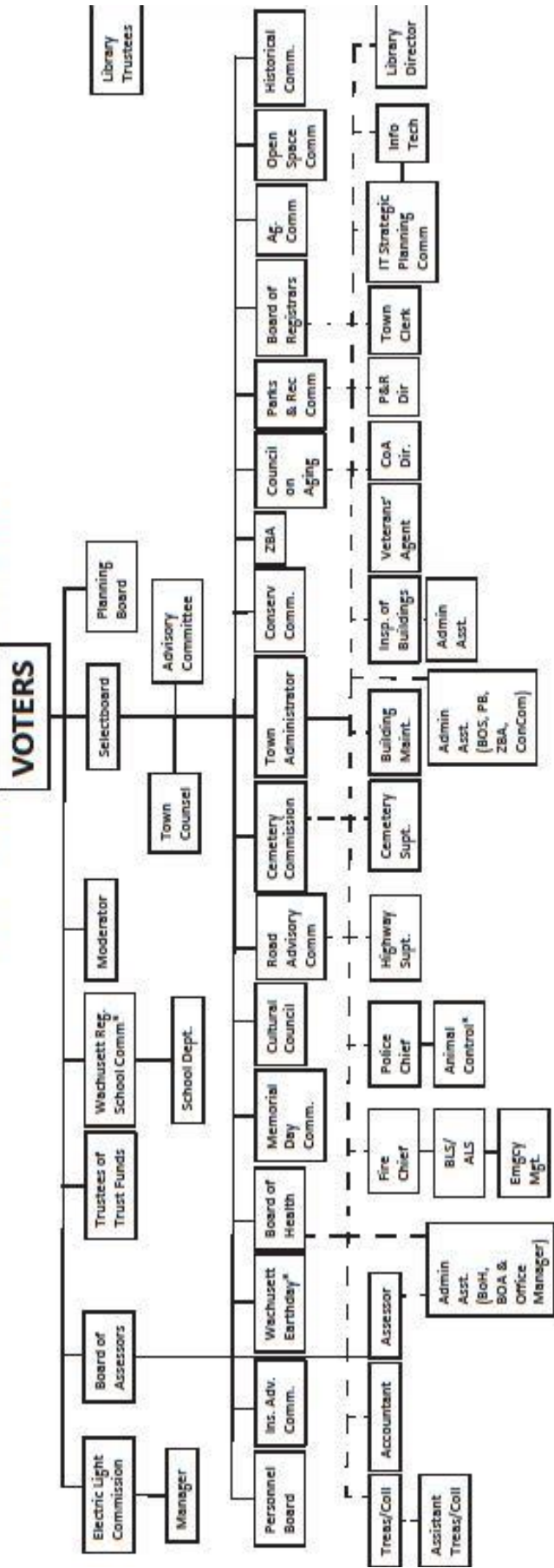
The renovation of Bagg Hall required my attention to construction and engineering contracts and a lease for alternative space. In connection with the Town's application to be recognized as a "Green Community," I authored a legal opinion making the case that our zoning bylaws and other local regulations met the standards required of such a municipality. I offered advice on the process and effect of discontinuing maintenance on public ways.

As ever, my work in 2020 also included the preparation of town meeting articles and motions, and compliance with the open meeting law, public records law, public bidding laws and other municipal statutes. I am honored to represent and advise the Town of Princeton, not to mention deeply grateful for the opportunity, and I look forward to continuing to serve as Town Counsel in 2021 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Mullen, Esq.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Notes:
 *Regional organization, Town has representative(s) or shares the resource.
 Not all staff are shown on this table.

Report of the Board of Assessors 2020

The total valuation for the Town in Fiscal Year 2021 is \$573,051,540 which is an increase from the previous year of \$559,232,387.

The total tax levy for the town is \$9,237,590.82. The tax rate for Fiscal 2021 is \$16.12 per thousand, which is an increase of \$.27 over last year.

Setting the Tax Rate:

Divide the amount to be raised (9,237,590.82 by
Total Town Property Valuation (573,051,540) an
Multiply by \$1,000
 $(\$9,237,590.82) \div (573,051,540.00) \times \$1,000 = \$16.12$

The Assessors department has various tax exemption programs available to qualified residents. Some of these include the senior tax abatement work off, over 65 senior exemption, veterans and widow/widower exemptions. The town sends out approximately 4,000 motor vehicle bills per year and issues abatements for various reasons on a monthly basis to residents that qualify. You can visit the town's website, call or visit the office for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Cumming
Timothy Hammond
Helen Townsend

Benjamin Straight, principal assessor

Report of the Town Treasurer 2020

Cash - Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust		3,816,988.31
Cash - Money Market/Checking/Savings		1,405,044.54
Cash - Investments		1,969,875.15
Cash - Certificates of Deposit		0.00
Petty Cash		1,200.00
Balance	July 1, 2019	7,193,108.00
Receipts	General Fund	15,940,858.66
	Municipal Light Department	4,044,218.20
	Trust Funds	2,078.48
Interest	General Fund	17,211.86
	Municipal Light Department	35,891.94
	Conservation	8.63
	Cultural Council	14.64
	Stabilization	41,660.12
	OPEB Trust	23,252.38
	Trash Enterprise	210.10
	Trust Funds	2,078.48
Total Receipts		20,107,483.49
Disbursements	General Fund	15,221,974.22
	Municipal Light Department	3,751,349.96
	Trust Funds	1,862.00
Total Disbursements		18,975,186.18
Balance	June 30, 2020	8,325,405.31
Cash - Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust		2,869,194.26
Cash - Money Market/Checking/Savings		3,420,223.40
Cash - Investments		2,034,787.65
Cash - Certificates of Deposit		0.00
Petty Cash		1,200.00
Total Cash	June 30, 2020	8,325,405.31

Respectfully Submitted, *Town Treasurer James J. Dunbar*

COLLECTOR OF TAXES -- FISCAL 2020								
	07/01/19							06/30/20
	Balance	Commitment	Collections	Abated	Refunds	Tax Title	Adjust	Balance
Real Estate								
2012	(186.19)							(186.19)
2013	(503.05)							(503.05)
2014	10,724.62		3,811.84					6,912.78
2015	14,375.05		9,883.47					4,491.58
2016	40,178.72		27,441.63					12,737.09
2017	75,745.18		33,330.60					42,414.58
2018	103,972.71		38,823.34					65,149.37
2019	182,477.39		92,017.99				1,875.14	92,334.54
2020	-	8,651,929.05	8,398,675.94	45,313.02	27,597.20	43,372.50	(1,022.39)	191,142.40
Personal Property								
2013	951.05							951.05
2014	240.19							240.19
2015	174.00							174.00
2016	-							-
2017	279.61							279.61
2018	(110.08)							(110.08)
2019	759.39		148.41					610.98
2020	-	216,587.76	215,837.63					750.13
Motor Vehicle								
2009	1,191.85							1,191.85
2010	518.53							518.53
2011	1,133.03							1,133.03
2012	1,619.29		28.33					1,590.96
2013	1,247.55							1,247.55
2014	2,158.07		238.75					1,919.32
2015	1,745.52		120.21					1,625.31
2016	1,588.02		208.85	125.00				1,254.17
2017	4,734.81		2,222.96	152.92	522.30			2,881.23
2018	17,647.43		5,935.72	1,007.40	415.89			11,120.20
2019	36,341.17	57,496.45	65,582.73	7,112.74	8,340.67			29,482.82
2020	-	566,295.67	501,763.36	2,602.06				61,930.25
PAA			20.00					
	-							-
In-Lieu-of-taxes-	-	62,754.19	62,754.19					-
TOTAL	499,003.86	9,555,063.12	9,458,845.95	56,313.14	36,876.06	43,372.50	852.75	533,284.20
Interest	69,210.87	Respectfully Submitted						
Fees	10,451.10		James J. Dunbar					
MLC	3,700.00		Collector of Taxes					

2020 Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

The three members of the Trustees of Trust Funds are elected officials charged with the responsibility to oversee all Trusts held by the Town. Once a Trust has been established, it is administered by the Trustees in accordance with its terms of the Trust and by a comprehensive set of state laws. Currently we are responsible for about a dozen Trusts having a total value of about \$100,000.

The advisory investment policy of the Trustees is to preserve the principal value of the Town Trusts, in accordance with the terms of the Trusts, generating returns that equal or exceed the rate of inflation. Investments are made by the Town Treasurer, who serves as custodian of all funds. Currently all funds are invested in CDs and approved Money Market Funds in accordance with state statutes. Although the investment income was small this past year, all accounts generated a positive return.

Most Trusts are designed for a specific use and most restrict distributions to only the earned income. Some support community activities such as tennis tournaments, some support student awards and scholarships and others support those in financial need.

The available funds to support residents who are facing financial stress are minimal. Most of these Trusts were established more than 65 years ago and the current need far exceeds the available resources. In order to fill this gap, we established The Princeton Community Trust. This special purpose Trust is to be used to provide assistance to Princeton residents with qualifying needs. We urge all residents to contribute to this Trust.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Mirick, chair

Kevin Heman

James O'Coin

Town of Princeton Accountant Report 2020

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending	% Var.
02-422-5780-000000	Encumb. Road Construction	155,738.35	-155,738.35	0.00	100.00
02-541-5780-000000	Encumb. COA Expense	2,000.00	-1,700.00	300.00	85.00
02-610-5780-000000	Encumb. Library Exp	243.85	-42.91	200.94	17.60
03-126-5302-021001	IT Infrac/Accounting Software	4,956.79	-4,956.79	0.00	100.00
03-158-5201-021002	Treas. Tax Titles	8,399.17	-375.00	8,024.17	4.46
03-177-5201-021004	Wachusett Greenway	500.00	-500.00	0.00	100.00
03-179-5201-021005	Land Survey & Legal Fee	19,400.00	-8,230.00	11,170.00	42.42
03-192-5204-021006	Town Bldg Maint. Program	57,508.65	-11,700.00	45,808.65	20.34
03-192-5209-021008	Bagg Hall Sec floor Clean	3,361.08	0.00	3,361.08	0.00
03-192-5270-021026	Lease Space Town Office	158,000.00	-4,923.31	153,076.69	3.12
03-192-5304-021009	Emer. Repair Town Building	100,000.00	-2,475.00	97,525.00	2.48
03-192-5305-021010	Town Hall Annex Repair	191,932.00	-146,576.42	45,355.58	76.37
03-192-5306-021011	Gazebo Repair	19,000.00	0.00	19,000.00	0.00
03-192-5880-021024	Public Water Supply	9,000.00	-8,188.43	811.57	90.98
03-192-5880-021025	FSC Conceptual Design-New Public Saftey Bldg.	50,000.00	-25,000.00	25,000.00	50.00
03-210-5854-021027	Police Portable Radio&Laptop	15,500.00	-15,240.08	259.92	98.32
03-210-5855-021028	Police Cruiser	53,357.12	-52,848.49	508.63	99.05
03-220-5207-021012	FD Fire Ponds	27,391.07	-46.26	27,344.81	0.17
03-220-5209-021013	FD Airpack Bottle Replace	562.33	0.00	562.33	0.00
03-220-5301-021014	NewAmbul. &Convert Chassis	973.69	-447.50	526.19	45.96
03-220-5303-021015	Fire Station2 Excavation Sys	45,008.45	-45,008.45	0.00	100.00
03-220-5304-021016	Public Safety Building Repair	90,016.89	-4,125.35	85,891.54	4.58
03-220-5305-021017	Fire Station 2 Painting	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
03-220-5850-021029	Fire Station2 Generator	17,500.00	0.00	17,500.00	0.00
03-420-5300-021019	Environ. Cleanup-Water Treatment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-422-5853-021030	Highway 6-Wheel Dump Truck	80,000.00	-80,000.00	0.00	100.00
03-610-5781-021022	GOODNOW BOOK EXPENSE	49.84	-32.55	17.29	65.31
03-610-5830-021031	LIBRARY WINDOW	24,500.00	0.00	24,500.00	0.00
03-691-5097-021021	Meetinghouse Cemetery Expense	5,787.49	0.00	5,787.49	0.00
03-692-5781-021023	Band Concert Expense	3,263.09	-2,550.00	713.09	78.15
20-000-5240-201004	Cemetery Maintenance Expense	4,987.18	0.00	4,987.18	0.00
20-000-5580-201004	Cemetery Lot Expense	27,685.00	0.00	27,685.00	0.00
20-000-5970-201003	Transportation Infrastructure	61.70	0.00	61.70	0.00
20-171-5580-201001	Exp Wetlands Protection	9,952.74	-9,952.74	0.00	100.00
20-231-5000-201002	AMBULANCE REC RSVD FOR APPRO	101,173.79	0.00	101,173.79	0.00
20-231-5100-201002	AMBULANCE SALARIES	59,620.00	-47,795.62	11,824.38	80.17

Cont..... Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending	% Var.
20-231-5118-000000	OTHER REGULAR WAGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20-231-5242-000000	VEHICLE REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	4,900.00	-4,030.34	869.66	82.25
20-231-5300-000000	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	8,500.00	-5,352.88	3,147.12	62.98
20-231-5307-000000	BILLING/COLLECTION/PRINTING	3,100.00	-3,100.00	0.00	100.00
20-231-5308-000000	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	4,000.00	-2,473.20	1,526.80	61.83
20-231-5340-000000	TELECOMM (CABLE/INTERNET/PHONE)	2,500.00	-1,227.70	1,272.30	49.11
20-231-5420-000000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	-218.77	281.23	43.75
20-231-5500-000000	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	23,000.00	-23,000.00	0.00	100.00
20-231-5525-000000	MISC. OTHER SUPPLIES	2,500.00	-1,337.05	1,162.95	53.48
20-231-5582-000000	CLOTHING/BOOTS	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
20-231-5730-000000	DUES/MEMBERSHIPS/LICENSING	3,000.00	-2,455.99	544.01	81.87
24-171-5000-000000	Conservation Comm. Revolving	1,425.00	0.00	1,425.00	0.00
24-192-5580-241001	Princeton Ctr Rev.	32,294.21	-98.10	32,196.11	0.30
24-220-5580-241002	Fire Dept. Revolving	892.50	-6,230.83	-5,338.33	698.13
24-240-5580-241003	Bldg. Dept. Rev.	89,866.73	-45,608.46	44,258.27	50.75
24-491-5580-241004	Cemetery Burial Revolving	12,228.90	-6,077.00	6,151.90	49.69
24-510-5580-241005	Board of Health Revolving	13,034.47	-19,090.85	-6,056.38	146.46
24-610-5580-241006	Library Revolving	1,434.80	-2,935.40	-1,500.60	204.59
24-630-5580-241007	Recreation Rev.	2,807.33	-8,061.98	-5,254.65	287.18
24-650-5580-241008	Rec Rev.Field Maint	-854.81	-2,203.00	-3,057.81	-257.72
25-000-5580-251004	Exp PPSSC Donations	249.00	0.00	249.00	0.00
25-179-5580-251001	Exp Agricultural Comm. Donations	38.00	0.00	38.00	0.00
25-210-5580-251002	Exp P.D. Donations	322.78	0.00	322.78	0.00
25-220-5580-251003	Exp S.A.F.E. Donations	48.06	0.00	48.06	0.00
25-220-5580-251005	Exp FD Lockbox Donations	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
25-541-5580-251006	Exp COA Donations	1,657.60	-1,367.39	290.21	82.49
25-541-5580-251013	Exp COA Funds	1,937.55	-1,350.00	587.55	69.68
25-630-5580-251014	Exp Ice Rink Donation	204.98	-204.98	0.00	100.00
25-650-5580-251008	Exp P.Park B. Ball Court Donations	137.50	0.00	137.50	0.00
25-650-5580-251009	Exp Krashes Field Mem. Donations	31.00	0.00	31.00	0.00
25-691-5580-251010	Exp Historical Comm. Donations	4,272.78	0.00	4,272.78	0.00
25-692-5580-251011	Exp Memorial Day Donations	460.00	-460.00	0.00	100.00
25-895-5580-251012	Exp Lights in Common Donation	46.00	0.00	46.00	0.00
27-000-5580-271001	Exp Princeton Ctr. Ins. Claim	1,719.00	0.00	1,719.00	0.00
27-000-5580-271004	Exp Community Access CPR Fund	441.33	0.00	441.33	0.00
27-171-5580-271005	Exp Wetland Protection	0.00	7,760.98	7,760.98	0.00
27-231-5580-271003	Exp Wach.Area Emer.Serv.Fund	12,952.29	-5,081.51	7,870.78	39.23

Cont..... Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending	% Var.
27-720-5970-271007	Bond premium	1,803.27	0.00	1,803.27	0.00
29-000-5580-291010	Exp Comm. Compact-Fin Software	954.00	0.00	954.00	0.00
29-000-5580-291011	Exp Comm. Compact-Cyber Security	3,407.00	0.00	3,407.00	0.00
29-000-5580-291012	Exp Mass Tech-MBI Make Ready	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00
29-000-5580-291013	Exp Bagg Hall/Annex Stab. Grant	-15,768.84	-45,717.00	-61,485.84	-289.92
29-000-5580-291014	Exp Comm. Compact-Police EMT	6.38	0.00	6.38	0.00
29-000-5580-291021	Exp Recycling Dividends Program	0.00	-840.00	-840.00	0.00
29-000-5580-291023	Exp MVP Grant	0.00	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00
29-000-5580-291024	Exp COVID-19 CARES CvRF	0.00	-55,323.17	-55,323.17	0.00
29-210-5580-291002	Exp PD Vest Grant	380.77	0.00	380.77	0.00
29-220-5580-291015	Exp FY19 SAFE Grant	4,473.30	-3,861.54	611.76	86.32
29-220-5580-291016	Exp VFA Fire Grant	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
29-291-5580-291003	Exp FY05 Local Prepare. Grant	283.00	0.00	283.00	0.00
29-300-5000-000000	Available Funds-Culture Council	3,362.49	-3,362.49	0.00	100.00
29-422-5580-291005	Exp Municipal Assist Grant-Ball Hill Culvert	-14,041.43	0.00	-14,041.43	0.00
29-510-5580-291006	Exp BOH PHER III	1,690.18	-1,650.60	39.58	97.66
29-541-5580-291007	Exp COA Formula Grant	1.37	-8,250.18	-8,248.81	602,202.92
29-610-5580-291008	EXP LIBRARY AID GRANTS	8,612.57	-3,485.17	5,127.40	40.47
29-610-5580-291009	EXP PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND GT	1,299.21	-1,299.21	0.00	100.00
29-690-5780-291010	Exp CULTURE COUNCIL	1,385.60	-4,772.51	-3,386.91	344.44
30-422-5310-301001	Rt 31 Bridge	0.00	-124,888.29	-124,888.29	0.00
30-422-5310-301002	Engineering Route 140	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30-422-5860-301003	Calamint Hill Road North Construction	0.00	-749,030.16	-749,030.16	0.00
33-000-5100-331001	Bagg Hall Stabilization Project	0.00	-663,104.63	-663,104.63	0.00
33-000-5300-331004	PFAS Remediation	0.00	-261,566.16	-261,566.16	0.00
65-460-5780-000000	SOLID WASTE EXPENSES	21,000.00	-16,216.22	4,783.78	77.22
66-675-5780-000000	Broadband Expenses	55,894.59	0.00	55,894.59	0.00
67-460-5000-000000	PMLD expenses	1,982,470.84	-3,751,349.96	-1,768,879.12	189.23
75-000-5780-000000	OPEB Avail. For Appropriation	788,636.16	0.00	788,636.16	0.00
80-000-5780-801001	Available Stabilization	442,085.25	0.00	442,085.25	0.00
80-000-5780-801002	Available Stabilization-Septic System	4,138.64	0.00	4,138.64	0.00
82-000-5580-821001	Exp J.H. Temple (School)	3,346.02	0.00	3,346.02	0.00
82-000-5580-821002	Exp Madeline Fife Memorial	101.54	0.00	101.54	0.00
82-000-5580-821003	Exp Josiah D. Gregory	56.39	0.00	56.39	0.00
82-000-5580-821004	Exp Bullock Tennis	14,135.91	-1,862.00	12,273.91	13.17
82-000-5580-821005	Exp E.A. Goodnow Park	22.09	0.00	22.09	0.00
82-000-5580-821006	Exp Sarah Brooks Fund	311.27	0.00	311.27	0.00

Cont..... Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending	% Var.
82-000-5580-821007	Exp Hadley Memorial Fund	60.10	0.00	60.10	0.00
82-000-5580-821008	Exp Ministerial Fund	89.39	0.00	89.39	0.00
82-000-5580-821009	Exp Boylston Widows Fund	373.54	0.00	373.54	0.00
82-000-5580-821010	Exp Farm.& Mech.Goodnow Park	7.33	0.00	7.33	0.00
82-000-5580-821011	Exp John Hitchcock	609.95	0.00	609.95	0.00
82-000-5580-821012	Exp Dr J.J. Connor Tr.Memorial	68.58	0.00	68.58	0.00
82-000-5580-821013	Exp Charles Hall Trust	54.53	0.00	54.53	0.00
82-000-5580-821014	Exp Elsie Vaughan Scholarship	4,311.86	0.00	4,311.86	0.00
82-000-5580-821015	Exp Eleanor W. Allen	2,009.92	0.00	2,009.92	0.00
82-000-5580-821016	Exp Harry S. Myrick	2,783.80	0.00	2,783.80	0.00
82-000-5580-821017	Exp Henry & Fanny Tabor	297.10	0.00	297.10	0.00
82-000-5580-821018	Exp D. & R. Smith	6.63	0.00	6.63	0.00
82-000-5580-821019	Exp Perpetual Care	3,118.55	0.00	3,118.55	0.00
82-000-5580-821020	Exp Boylston Trust	822.45	0.00	822.45	0.00
82-000-5580-821021	Exp E.A.Goodnow (5000)	896.96	0.00	896.96	0.00
82-000-5580-821022	Exp E.A.Goodnow (1000)	210.93	0.00	210.93	0.00
82-000-5580-821023	Exp Goodnow Endowment	1,143.10	0.00	1,143.10	0.00
82-000-5580-821024	Exp David H. Gregory	117.37	0.00	117.37	0.00
82-000-5580-821025	Exp Eli Kilburn	176.45	0.00	176.45	0.00
82-000-5580-821026	Exp Grace H. Burr	219.01	0.00	219.01	0.00
82-000-5580-821027	Exp Thorne Caldwell	237.09	0.00	237.09	0.00
82-000-5580-821028	Exp Alfred K. Pearson	239.49	0.00	239.49	0.00
82-000-5580-821029	Exp Cassandra Camp	20.82	0.00	20.82	0.00
82-000-5580-821030	Exp Cornelia Forbes	127.48	0.00	127.48	0.00
82-000-5580-821031	Exp Caroline Mason	202.92	0.00	202.92	0.00
82-000-5580-821032	Exp Kathleen Connor Matzilevich	265.89	0.00	265.89	0.00
82-000-5580-821033	Exp Margaret Poole	158.84	0.00	158.84	0.00
82-000-5580-821034	Exp Florence Davis	688.11	0.00	688.11	0.00
82-000-5580-821035	Exp Donald Lapointe	199.89	0.00	199.89	0.00
82-000-5580-821036	Exp Lynch Endowment	131.49	0.00	131.49	0.00
84-000-5780-000000	Avail Conservation Trust	3,439.63	0.00	3,439.63	0.00
85-000-5780-000000	INFRASTRUCTURE STAB. EXPENSE	235,015.10	0.00	235,015.10	0.00
142 Account(s) totaling:		5,253,829.14	-6,464,236.99	-1,210,407.85	123.04

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending	% Var.
20-000-4320-201002	Ambulance Charges	0.00	47,069.73	47,069.73	0.00
20-000-4320-201004	Sale of Cemetery Lot	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
20-000-4325-201002	Direct Pay from Vendor	0.00	99,154.25	99,154.25	0.00
20-000-4580-201002	Medicare B	0.00	16,898.26	16,898.26	0.00
20-000-4580-201003	Medicaid	0.00	671.92	671.92	0.00
20-000-4680-201003	Transportation Infrastructure	0.00	54.00	54.00	0.00
20-000-4840-201005	Sale of Town Owned Land	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
20-171-4320-201001	Rev Wetlands Protection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-171-4171-000000	rConservation Comm. Revolving	0.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
24-220-4320-241002	rFire Dept. Revolving	0.00	7,752.00	7,752.00	0.00
24-240-4320-241003	rBldg. Dept. Revolving	0.00	55,503.50	55,503.50	0.00
24-491-4320-241004	rCemetery Burial Revolving	0.00	5,660.00	5,660.00	0.00
24-510-4320-241005	rBoard of Health	0.00	18,525.00	18,525.00	0.00
24-610-4320-241006	rLibrary Revolving	0.00	1,500.60	1,500.60	0.00
24-630-4320-241007	rRecreation Revolving	0.00	8,088.00	8,088.00	0.00
24-650-4320-241008	rRec. Revolve Field Mainten.	0.00	6,359.00	6,359.00	0.00
25-210-4830-251002	Rev P.D. Donations	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
25-541-4830-251006	Rev COA Donations	0.00	2,604.37	2,604.37	0.00
25-691-4830-251010	Rev Historical Comm. Donations	0.00	162.00	162.00	0.00
27-171-4680-271005	Rev Wetland Protection	0.00	1,805.00	1,805.00	0.00
27-231-4680-271003	Rev Wach. Area Emer. Serv. Fund	0.00	7,593.00	7,593.00	0.00
27-675-4320-271008	PEG Access-Receipts Reserved for Appro.	0.00	3,856.74	3,856.74	0.00
29-000-4680-291013	Rev Bagg Hall/Annex Stab. Grant	0.00	61,485.84	61,485.84	0.00
29-000-4680-291019	Rev Wachusett Earthday	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
29-000-4680-291021	Rev Recycling Dividends Program	0.00	3,150.00	3,150.00	0.00
29-000-4680-291023	Rev MVP Grant	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
29-000-4820-000000	CC Bank Interest	0.00	14.64	14.64	0.00
29-210-4680-291020	Rev PD Med Project Grant	0.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	0.00
29-220-4680-291022	Rev FY2020 SAFE GRANT	0.00	5,120.00	5,120.00	0.00
29-422-4680-291005	Rev Municipal Assist Grant--Ball Hill Culvert	0.00	14,041.43	14,041.43	0.00
29-541-4680-291007	Rev COA Formula Grant	0.00	8,278.63	8,278.63	0.00
29-610-4680-291008	Rev Library Aid Grants	-4,684.00	0.00	-4,684.00	0.00
29-610-4680-291009	Rev Public Library Fund Gt	0.00	4,809.12	4,809.12	0.00
29-690-4680-291010	Rev Cultural Council State Grant	0.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	0.00
30-422-4680-301001	Rt 31 Bridge	0.00	28,943.13	28,943.13	0.00
30-422-4680-301003	Calamint Hill Road North	0.00	749,030.16	749,030.16	0.00

Cont.Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending	% Var.
65-000-4210-000000	Disposal Charges	0.00	20,335.28	20,335.28	0.00
65-000-4215-000000	Administrative Charges	0.00	407.73	407.73	0.00
65-000-4820-000000	Earnings on Investments	0.00	210.10	210.10	0.00
67-000-4209-000000	Deposits	0.00	3,997,376.85	3,997,376.85	0.00
67-000-4210-000000	Meter Deposits	0.00	6,427.00	6,427.00	0.00
67-000-4820-000000	PMLD Bank Interest	0.00	35,891.94	35,891.94	0.00
75-000-4820-000000	OPEB-Investment Earnings	0.00	23,252.38	23,252.38	0.00
75-000-4970-000000	OPEB Transfers In	-10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.00
80-000-4820-801001	Stabilization Interest	0.00	15,591.52	15,591.52	0.00
80-000-4820-801002	Stabilization Septic Interest	0.00	145.97	145.97	0.00
80-000-4970-801001	Stabilization Transfers In	-267,424.00	267,424.00	0.00	100.00
80-000-4970-801002	Stabilization-Septic System Transfers In	-2,047.00	2,047.00	0.00	100.00
81-000-4820-811028	Int. Cornelia Forbes 25%	0.00	0.52	0.52	0.00
81-000-4820-811031	Int. Margaret Poole 25%	0.00	1.01	1.01	0.00
81-000-4820-811032	Int. Florence Davis 20%	0.00	2.53	2.53	0.00
81-000-4820-811034	Int.Lynch Endowment 50%	0.00	1.74	1.74	0.00
82-000-4820-821001	Int J.H. Temple (School)	0.00	10.46	10.46	0.00
82-000-4820-821002	Int Madeline Fife Memorial	0.00	13.78	13.78	0.00
82-000-4820-821003	Int Josiah D. Gregory	0.00	1.34	1.34	0.00
82-000-4820-821004	Int Bullock Tennis	0.00	39.32	39.32	0.00
82-000-4820-821005	Int E.A. Goodnow Park	0.00	2.46	2.46	0.00
82-000-4820-821006	Int Sarah Brooks Fund	0.00	7.83	7.83	0.00
82-000-4820-821007	Int Hadley Memorial Fund	0.00	4.96	4.96	0.00
82-000-4820-821008	Int Ministerial Fund	0.00	1.42	1.42	0.00
82-000-4820-821009	Int Boylston Widows Fund	0.00	3.31	3.31	0.00
82-000-4820-821010	Int Farm.& Mech.Goodnow Park	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00
82-000-4820-821011	Int John Hitchcock	0.00	1.47	1.47	0.00
82-000-4820-821012	Int Dr J.J. Connor Tr.Memorial	0.00	6.83	6.83	0.00
82-000-4820-821013	Int Charles Hall Trust	0.00	4.66	4.66	0.00
82-000-4820-821014	Int Elsie Vaughan Scholarship	0.00	11.82	11.82	0.00
82-000-4820-821015	Int Eleanor W. Allen	0.00	9.66	9.66	0.00
82-000-4820-821016	Int Harry S. Myrick	0.00	7.66	7.66	0.00
82-000-4820-821017	Int Henry & Fanny Tabor	0.00	0.96	0.96	0.00
82-000-4820-821018	Int D. & R. Smith	0.00	1.46	1.46	0.00
82-000-4820-821019	Int Perpetual Care	0.00	129.09	129.09	0.00
82-000-4820-821020	Int Boylston Trust	0.00	21.39	21.39	0.00
82-000-4820-821021	Int E.A.Goodnow (5000)	0.00	14.20	14.20	0.00

Cont.Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending %	Var.				
82-000-4820-821022	Int E.A.Goodnow (1000)					0.00	2.92	2.92	0.00
82-000-4820-821023	Int Goodnow Endowment					0.00	29.05	29.05	0.00
82-000-4820-821024	Int David H. Gregory					0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00
82-000-4820-821025	Int Eli Kilburn					0.00	2.84	2.84	0.00
82-000-4820-821026	Int Grace H. Burr					0.00	4.14	4.14	0.00
82-000-4820-821027	Int Thorne Caldwell					0.00	2.98	2.98	0.00
82-000-4820-821028	Int Alfred K. Pearson					0.00	2.98	2.98	0.00
82-000-4820-821029	Int Cassandra Camp					0.00	1.73	1.73	0.00
82-000-4820-821030	Int Cornelia Forbes 75%					0.00	1.55	1.55	0.00
82-000-4820-821031	Int Caroline Mason					0.00	2.89	2.89	0.00
82-000-4820-821032	Int Kathleen Connor Matzilevich					0.00	4.25	4.25	0.00
82-000-4820-821033	Int Margaret Poole 75%					0.00	3.03	3.03	0.00
82-000-4820-821034	Int Florence Davis 80%					0.00	10.03	10.03	0.00
82-000-4820-821035	Int Donald Lapointe					0.00	2.89	2.89	0.00
82-000-4820-821036	Int Lynch Endowment 50%					0.00	1.70	1.70	0.00
82-000-4820-821037	Int Princeton Community Trust					0.00	3.63	3.63	0.00
82-000-4830-821004	rBullock Tennis Donation					0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
84-000-4820-000000	Conservation Fund Bk Int.					0.00	8.63	8.63	0.00
85-000-4820-000000	Infrastructure Int.Ernd.					0.00	25,922.63	25,922.63	0.00
85-000-4970-000000	Transfers In					-100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	100.00
93 Account(s) totaling:						-384,155.00	5,712,999.83	5,328,844.83	1,487.16

Ledger History - Two Column Balance Sheet - General Ledger

Account Number Asset	Name	Debit	Credit
01-000-1040-000000	Cash	1,667,007.31	0.00
01-000-1210-201300	FY13 Personal Property Tax	951.05	0.00
01-000-1210-201400	FY14 Personal Property Tax	240.19	0.00
01-000-1210-201500	FY15 Personal Property Tax	174.00	0.00
01-000-1210-201700	FY17 Personal Property Tax	279.61	0.00
01-000-1210-201800	FY18 Personal Property Tax	0.00	110.08
01-000-1210-201900	FY19 Personal Property Tax	610.98	0.00
01-000-1210-202000	FY20 Personal Property Tax	750.13	0.00
01-000-1220-201200	FY12 Real Estate Tax Rec.	0.00	186.19
01-000-1220-201300	FY13 Real Estate Tax Rec.	0.00	503.05
01-000-1220-201400	FY14 Real Estate Tax Rec.	6,912.78	0.00
01-000-1220-201500	FY15 Real Estate Tax Rec.	4,491.58	0.00
01-000-1220-201600	FY16 Real Estate Tax Rec.	12,737.09	0.00
01-000-1220-201700	FY17 Real Estate Tax Rec.	42,414.58	0.00
01-000-1220-201800	FY18 Real Estate Tax Rec.	65,149.37	0.00
01-000-1220-201900	FY19 Real Estate Tax Rec.	92,334.54	0.00
01-000-1220-202000	FY20 Real Estate Tax Rec.	191,142.40	0.00
01-000-1230-000000	Allow. For Abate/Exempt	0.00	232,877.15
01-000-1240-012001	Ball M1/L23C	91,703.20	0.00
01-000-1240-012002	Cook M18/L2	22,982.00	0.00
01-000-1240-012003	Dower M11/L18G	178.95	0.00
01-000-1240-012004	Hobbs M4/L56	1,802.86	0.00
01-000-1240-012005	MacDonald M7/L6	54,141.15	0.00
01-000-1240-012006	Hardy M9B/L16	4,735.59	0.00
01-000-1240-012007	Goodhue M1/L29	57,621.36	0.00
01-000-1240-012008	Calcia M13/L87	40,268.33	0.00
01-000-1240-012009	CalciaDM13/L42	11,063.12	0.00
01-000-1240-012010	Calcia JM13/L42A	51,752.64	0.00
01-000-1240-012011	MartocciM11/L6	26,767.11	0.00
01-000-1240-012015	Estate of Nellie ChamM15/L4	30,736.48	0.00
01-000-1240-012017	Lynch M15C/L32	36,339.37	0.00
01-000-1240-012018	Ball M1/L36	555.63	0.00
01-000-1240-012019	Bennet M13/L24	44,435.12	0.00
01-000-1240-012020	Getz M12/L43-10	638.58	0.00
01-000-1240-012021	Nelson M11/L18-A	21,656.23	0.00
01-000-1260-200900	2009 Motor	1,191.85	0.00

Cont.Ledger History - Two Column Balance Sheet - General Ledger

Asset	Account Number	Name	Debit	Credit
	01-000-1260-201000	2010 Motor	518.53	0.00
	01-000-1260-201100	2011 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,133.03	0.00
	01-000-1260-201200	2012 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,590.96	0.00
	01-000-1260-201300	2013 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,247.55	0.00
	01-000-1260-201400	2014 Motor Veh Ex Tax Rc	1,919.32	0.00
	01-000-1260-201500	2015 Motor Veh.Ex.Tax Rc	1,625.31	0.00
	01-000-1260-201600	2016 Motor Veh.Ex.Tax Rc	1,254.17	0.00
	01-000-1260-201700	2017 Motor Veh.Ex.Tax Rc	2,881.23	0.00
	01-000-1260-201800	2018 Motor Veh.Ex.Tax Rc	11,120.20	0.00
	01-000-1260-201900	2019 Motor Veh.Ex.Tax Rc	29,482.82	0.00
	01-000-1260-202000	2020 Motor Veh.Ex.Tax Rc	61,930.25	0.00
	01-000-1880-000000	Tax Foreclosure	34,164.23	0.00
	01-000-1880-012016	BradishBigelow Rd	7,199.76	0.00
	01-146-1020-000000	Petty Cash-Tax Collector	100.00	0.00
	20-000-1040-000000	Cash	341,730.26	0.00
	20-000-1320-000000	A/R Ambulance	208,340.57	0.00
	24-000-1040-000000	Cash	179,372.77	0.00
	25-000-1040-000000	Fund 25 Cash	8,939.25	0.00
	27-000-1040-000000	Cash	35,041.86	0.00
	29-000-1040-000000	Cash	108,305.26	0.00
	30-000-1040-000000	Cash	0.00	95,945.16
	30-000-1720-000000	mmHwy Grant Due from State	0.00	0.00
	33-000-1040-000000	Cash	1,439,401.41	0.00
	65-000-1040-000000	Cash	24,263.67	0.00
	66-000-1040-000000	Cash	55,894.59	0.00
	67-000-1020-000000	Petty Cash - PMLD	600.00	0.00
	67-000-1040-000000	Cash	2,476,500.37	0.00
	75-000-1040-000000	Cash-OPEB	821,888.54	0.00
	80-000-1040-000000	Cash	731,432.38	0.00
	81-000-1040-000000	Cash	117,320.77	0.00
	82-000-1040-000000	Cash	39,995.33	0.00
	84-000-1040-000000	Cash	3,448.26	0.00
	85-000-1040-000000	Cash	360,937.73	0.00
	92-000-1040-000000	Cash	1,045.07	0.00
	93-000-1040-000000	Cash Fund 93	8,125.64	0.00
	99-000-1996-992001	A/T/B/P Broadband MLP	700,000.00	0.00

Cont.Ledger History - Two Column Balance Sheet - General Ledger

Account Number	Name	Debit	Credit
Asset			
99-000-1996-992004	A/T/B/P TPS Green Repair	550,000.00	0.00
99-000-1996-992005	A/T/B/P TPS-PCB Debt	0.00	0.00
99-000-1996-992007	A/T/B/P Fire Trucks	360,000.00	0.00
99-000-1996-992008	A/T/B/P Bagg Hall Stab.	1,200,000.00	0.00
99-000-1996-992009	A/T/B/P PFAS Remediation	500,000.00	0.00
Total: Asset		13,012,516.27	329,621.63
Liability			
01-000-2010-000000	Warrants Payable	0.00	167,632.06
01-000-2110-000000	Payrolls Payable	0.00	47,497.41
01-000-2610-000000	Def Rev Real/Pers Prop Tax	0.00	184,511.83
01-000-2622-000000	Def Rev Tax Liens	0.00	497,377.72
01-000-2623-000000	Def. Rev. Tax Foreclosures	0.00	41,363.99
01-000-2630-000000	Def Rev Motor Vehicle Ex	0.00	115,895.22
20-000-2010-000000	Warrants Payable	0.00	2,833.98
20-000-2110-000000	Payrolls Payable	0.00	3,414.95
20-000-2652-000000	Def. Rev. Ambulance	0.00	208,340.57
24-000-2010-000000	Warrants Payable	0.00	8,532.04
24-000-2110-000000	Payrolls Payable	0.00	2,879.12
27-000-2010-000000	Warrants Payable	0.00	2,191.76
29-000-2010-000000	Warrants Payable	0.00	3,060.87
29-000-2110-000000	Payrolls Payable	0.00	16,511.00
30-000-2670-000000	mmHwy Grant Offset	0.00	0.00
30-000-2720-301003	BANs Payable Calamint Hill Road North	0.00	0.00
33-000-2010-000000	Warrants Payable	0.00	163,378.40
33-000-2720-331001	Short term Borrowing--Bagg Hall Stab.	0.00	1,200,000.00
33-000-2720-331004	Short term Borrowing-PFAS Remediation	0.00	500,000.00
65-000-2010-000000	Warrants Payable	0.00	3,059.49
67-000-2010-000000	Warrant Payable	0.00	0.00
67-000-2550-000000	Meter Deposit Guarantee	0.00	0.00
82-000-2010-000000	Warrants Payable	0.00	655.00
92-000-2120-000000	Federal W/H	0.00	14,956.99
92-000-2120-921016	Due from PMLD - Medicare	0.00	0.00
92-000-2121-000000	Medicare W/H	0.00	1,856.12
92-000-2130-000000	State W/H	0.00	5,774.03
92-000-2140-000000	Retirement W/H	0.00	15,523.49
92-000-2140-921017	Due from PMLD - Pension or Retirement	0.00	0.00

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Account Number	Name	Debit	Credit
Liability			
92-000-2150-921001	Health Insurace W/H	0.00	6,119.42
92-000-2150-921002	Health Ins. Direct Pay-Fallon	3,087.31	0.00
92-000-2150-921003	Dental W/H	0.00	580.25
92-000-2150-921004	Dental Direct Pay	0.00	167.50
92-000-2150-921005	Health Ins. Direct Pay-Tufts	0.00	61.92
92-000-2150-921006	Health Ins. Direct Pay-Amer	0.00	1,300.64
92-000-2150-921018	Due from PMLD - BCBS	33,057.37	0.00
92-000-2150-921019	Due from PMLD - Senior	1,309.14	0.00
92-000-2150-921020	Due from PMLD - Delta Dental	1,332.80	0.00
92-000-2151-921007	Life Insurance W/H	55.16	0.00
92-000-2151-921008	Life Ins. Direct Pay	506.66	0.00
92-000-2151-921009	Life/Long Term Dis.AFLA	0.00	421.91
92-000-2151-921021	Due from PMLD - Boston Mutual	152.71	0.00
92-000-2152-921010	Accident/Sick.W/H COLONL	0.00	63.84
92-000-2153-921011	Disability W/H AMER-Post Tax	0.00	43.75
92-000-2154-921012	Accident W/H AMER-Pre Tax	0.00	0.00
92-000-2170-921013	Union Dues W/H	0.00	0.00
92-000-2170-921022	Union Dues W/H-PMLD	0.00	249.36
92-000-2190-921014	Child Support W/H	0.00	925.00
92-000-2191-921015	Deferred Comp. W/H	0.00	6,305.30
92-000-2424-000000	Due from PMLD	0.00	0.00
93-146-2580-931002	Due to Deputy Collector	0.00	59.00
93-160-2580-931003	Fish & Wildlife	0.00	48.74
93-210-2580-931001	Off Duty Details	7,810.40	0.00
93-210-2580-931004	Firearms Due to State	0.00	2,025.00
93-220-2580-931005	Fire Off Duty Details	0.00	0.00
99-000-2900-992001	Bond Payb. Broadband MLP	0.00	700,000.00
99-000-2900-992004	Bond Payb. TPS Green Repair	0.00	550,000.00
99-000-2900-992005	Bond Payb. TPS-PCB Debt	0.00	0.00
99-000-2900-992007	Bond Payb. Fire Trucks	0.00	360,000.00
99-000-2900-992008	Bond Payb. Bagg Hall Stab.	0.00	1,200,000.00
99-000-2900-992009	Bond Payb. PFAS Remediation	0.00	500,000.00
Total: Liability		47,311.55	6,535,617.67
Balance			
01-000-3211-000000	FB Res for Encumbrances	0.00	221,770.86
01-000-3240-000000	FB Res. For Expenditures	0.00	0.00

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Account Number	Name	Debit	Credit
Balance			
01-000-3245-000000	FB Res. For Continuing Appropriations	0.00	609,597.11
01-000-3250-000000	FB Reserve for Petty Cash	0.00	600.00
01-000-3590-000000	FB Undesignated	0.00	620,009.87
01-000-3591-000000	FB Certified Free Cash	0.00	0.00
01-000-3910-000000	Revenue	0.00	0.00
01-000-3930-000000	Expenditures	0.00	0.00
01-000-3935-000000	Expenditures - Special Articles	0.00	0.00
01-000-3970-000000	Other Financing Uses	0.00	0.00
20-000-3590-201002	fAmbulance	0.00	283,693.45
20-000-3590-201003	fTransportation Infrastructure	0.00	115.70
20-000-3590-201004	fCemetery Lots	0.00	36,672.18
20-000-3590-201005	fSale of Town Owned Land	0.00	15,000.00
20-171-3590-201001	fWetlands Protection	0.00	0.00
24-000-3171-000000	fConservation Comm. Revolving	0.00	2,775.00
24-000-3590-241001	fPrinceton Center Revolving	0.00	32,196.11
24-000-3590-241002	fFire Dept. Revolving	0.00	2,413.67
24-000-3590-241003	fBuilding Dept Revolving	0.00	99,761.77
24-000-3590-241004	fCemetery Burial Revolving	0.00	12,211.90
24-000-3590-241005	fBoard of Health	0.00	12,468.62
24-000-3590-241006	fLibrary Revolving	0.00	0.00
24-000-3590-241007	fRecreation Revolving	0.00	2,833.35
24-000-3590-241008	fRec. Revolve Field Mainten.	0.00	3,301.19
25-000-3590-251004	fPPSSC Donations	0.00	249.00
25-179-3590-251001	fAgricultural Comm. Donations	0.00	38.00
25-210-3590-251002	fP.D. Donations	0.00	372.78
25-220-3590-251003	fS.A.F.E. Donations	0.00	48.06
25-220-3590-251005	fFD Lockbox Donations	0.00	100.00
25-541-3590-251006	fCOA Donations	0.00	2,894.58
25-541-3590-251013	fCOA Funds	0.00	587.55
25-630-3590-251014	fRev Ice Rink Donation	0.00	0.00
25-650-3590-251008	fP.Park B. Ball Court Donations	0.00	137.50
25-650-3590-251009	fKrashes Field Mem. Donations	0.00	31.00
25-691-3590-251010	fHistorical Comm. Donations	0.00	4,434.78
25-692-3590-251011	fMemorial Day Donations - FB	0.00	0.00
25-895-3590-251012	fLights in Common Donation	0.00	46.00
27-000-3580-271007	fBond Premium	0.00	1,803.27

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Account Number	Name	Debit	Credit
Balance			
27-000-3590-271001	fPrinceton Ctr. Ins. Claim	0.00	1,719.00
27-000-3590-271004	fCommunity Access CPR Fund	0.00	441.33
27-171-3590-271005	fWetland Protection	0.00	9,565.98
27-231-3590-271003	fWach.Area Emer.Serv.Fund	0.00	15,463.78
27-675-3590-271008	fPEG Access	0.00	3,856.74
29-000-3520-000000	fCultural Council	0.00	0.00
29-000-3560-000000	fCultural Council - Local	0.00	0.00
29-000-3590-291010	fComm. Compact-Fin Software	0.00	954.00
29-000-3590-291011	fComm. Compact-Cyber Security	0.00	3,407.00
29-000-3590-291012	fMass Tech-MBI MakeReady	0.00	100,000.00
29-000-3590-291013	fBagg Hall/Annex Stab. Grant	0.00	0.00
29-000-3590-291014	fComm. Compact-Police EMT	0.00	6.38
29-000-3590-291019	fWachusett Earthday	0.00	500.00
29-000-3590-291021	fRecycling Dividends Program	0.00	2,310.00
29-000-3590-291023	fb MVP Grant	0.00	15,000.00
29-000-3590-291024	fCOVID-19 CARES CvRF	55,323.17	0.00
29-000-3910-000000	Revenue	0.00	0.00
29-000-3930-000000	Expenditures	0.00	0.00
29-210-3590-291002	fPD Vest Grant	0.00	380.77
29-210-3590-291020	fPD Med Project Grant	0.00	1,950.00
29-220-3590-291015	fFY19 SAFE Grant	0.00	611.76
29-220-3590-291016	fVFA Fire Grant	0.00	2,000.00
29-220-3590-291022	fFY2020 SAFE GRANT	0.00	5,120.00
29-291-3590-291003	fFY05 Local Prepare. Grant	0.00	283.00
29-422-3590-291005	fMunicipal Assist Grant--Ball Hill Culvert	0.00	0.00
29-510-3590-291006	fBOH PHER III	0.00	39.58
29-541-3590-291007	fCOA Formula Grant	0.00	29.82
29-610-3590-291008	fLibrary Aid Grants	0.00	5,127.40
29-610-3590-291009	fPublic Library Fund Gt	0.00	4,809.12
29-690-3590-291010	fCultural Council	0.00	1,527.73
30-422-3590-301001	fRt 31 Bridge	95,945.16	0.00
30-422-3590-301002	fEngineering Route 140	0.00	0.00
30-422-3590-301003	fCalamint Hill Road North	0.00	0.00
33-000-3590-331001	Bond Premium-Bagg Hall Stab Project	0.00	489.74
33-000-3590-331002	fPublic Safety Building	0.00	500,000.00
33-000-3590-331004	Bond Premium-PFAS Remediation	0.00	204.06

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Account Number	Name	Debit	Credit
Balance			
33-000-3591-331001	fBagg Hall Stab. Project	663,104.63	0.00
33-000-3591-331004	fPFAS Remediation	261,566.16	0.00
33-000-3930-331002	Expenditure	0.00	0.00
65-000-3590-000000	Undesignated-Solid Waste	0.00	21,204.18
65-000-3591-000000	Avail. Solid Wast. Ret Earnings	0.00	0.00
65-000-3930-000000	Expenditures	0.00	0.00
66-000-3590-000000	Undesignated FB-BB	0.00	55,894.59
67-000-3250-000000	fPetty Cash Reserve - Light	0.00	600.00
67-000-3590-000000	fUndesignated - Light Dept.	0.00	2,476,500.37
67-000-3930-000000	Expenditures	0.00	0.00
75-000-3580-000000	fUndesignated FB	0.00	821,888.54
80-000-3580-801001	fStabilization	0.00	725,100.77
80-000-3590-801002	fStabilization-Septic System	0.00	6,331.61
81-000-3580-811001	fJ.H. Temple (School)	0.00	1,000.00
81-000-3580-811002	fMadeline Fife Memorial	0.00	5,619.00
81-000-3580-811003	fJosiah D. Gregory	0.00	500.00
81-000-3580-811004	fBullock Tennis \$1500	0.00	1,500.00
81-000-3580-811005	fE.A. Goodnow Park	0.00	1,000.00
81-000-3580-811006	fSarah Brooks Fund	0.00	2,942.64
81-000-3580-811007	fHadley Memorial Fund	0.00	2,000.00
81-000-3580-811008	fMinisterial Fund	0.00	500.00
81-000-3580-811009	fBoylston Widows Fund	0.00	1,000.00
81-000-3580-811010	fFarmers & Mechanics	0.00	200.00
81-000-3580-811011	fDr J.J. Connor Tr.Memorial	0.00	2,770.00
81-000-3580-811012	fCharles Hall Trust	0.00	1,883.87
81-000-3580-811013	fEleanor W. Allen	0.00	2,000.00
81-000-3580-811014	fHarry S. Myrick	0.00	400.00
81-000-3580-811015	fHenry & Fanny Tabor	0.00	100.00
81-000-3580-811016	fD. & R. Smith	0.00	600.00
81-000-3580-811017	fPerpetual Care	0.00	51,101.23
81-000-3580-811018	fBoylston Trust	0.00	8,000.00
81-000-3580-811019	fE.A.Goodnow (5000)	0.00	5,000.00
81-000-3580-811020	fE.A.Goodnow (1000)	0.00	1,000.00
81-000-3580-811021	fGoodnow Endowment	0.00	10,920.21
81-000-3580-811022	fDavid H. Gregory	0.00	500.00
81-000-3580-811023	fEli Kilburn	0.00	1,000.00

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Account Number	Name	Debit	Credit
Balance			
81-000-3580-811024	fGrace H. Burr	0.00	1,500.00
81-000-3580-811025	fThorne Caldwell	0.00	1,000.00
81-000-3580-811026	fAlfred K. Pearson	0.00	1,000.00
81-000-3580-811027	fCassandra Camp	0.00	700.00
81-000-3580-811028	fCornelia Forbes	0.00	732.17
81-000-3580-811029	fCaroline Mason	0.00	1,000.00
81-000-3580-811030	fKathleen Connor Matzilevich	0.00	1,500.00
81-000-3580-811031	fMargaret Poole	0.00	1,520.21
81-000-3580-811032	fFlorence Davis	0.00	4,532.98
81-000-3580-811033	fDonald Lapointe	0.00	1,000.00
81-000-3580-811034	fLynch Endowment Fund	0.00	1,298.46
82-000-3580-821001	fJ.H. Temple (School)	0.00	3,356.48
82-000-3580-821002	fMadeline Fife Memorial	0.00	115.32
82-000-3580-821003	fJosiah D. Gregory	0.00	57.73
82-000-3580-821004	fBullock Tennis	0.00	14,013.23
82-000-3580-821005	fE.A. Goodnow Park	0.00	24.55
82-000-3580-821006	fSarah Brooks Fund	0.00	319.10
82-000-3580-821007	fHadley Memorial Fund	0.00	65.06
82-000-3580-821008	fMinisterial Fund	0.00	90.81
82-000-3580-821009	fBoylston Widows Fund	0.00	376.85
82-000-3580-821010	fFarm.& Mech.Goodnow Park	0.00	7.83
82-000-3580-821011	fJohn Hitchcock	0.00	611.42
82-000-3580-821012	fDr J.J. Connor Tr.Memorial	0.00	75.41
82-000-3580-821013	fCharles Hall Trust	0.00	59.19
82-000-3580-821014	Elsie Vaughan Scholarship	0.00	4,323.68
82-000-3580-821015	fEleanor W. Allen	0.00	2,019.58
82-000-3580-821016	fHarry S. Myrick	0.00	2,791.46
82-000-3580-821017	fHenry & Fanny Tabor	0.00	298.06
82-000-3580-821018	fD. & R. Smith	0.00	8.09
82-000-3580-821019	fPerpetual Care	0.00	3,247.64
82-000-3580-821020	fBoylston Trust	0.00	843.84
82-000-3580-821021	fE.A.Goodnow (5000)	0.00	911.16
82-000-3580-821022	fE.A.Goodnow (1000)	0.00	213.85
82-000-3580-821023	fGoodnow Endowment	0.00	1,172.15
82-000-3580-821024	fDavid H. Gregory	0.00	118.86
82-000-3580-821025	fEli Kilburn	0.00	179.29

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Account Number	Name	Debit	Credit
Balance			
82-000-3580-821026	fGrace H. Burr	0.00	223.15
82-000-3580-821027	fThorne Caldwell	0.00	240.07
82-000-3580-821028	fAlfred K. Pearson	0.00	242.47
82-000-3580-821029	fCassandra Camp	0.00	22.55
82-000-3580-821030	fCornelia Forbes	0.00	129.03
82-000-3580-821031	fCaroline Mason	0.00	205.81
82-000-3580-821032	fKathleen Connor Matzilevich	0.00	270.14
82-000-3580-821033	fMargaret Poole	0.00	161.87
82-000-3580-821034	fFlorence Davis	0.00	698.14
82-000-3580-821035	fDonald Lapointe	0.00	202.78
82-000-3580-821036	fLynch Endowment	0.00	133.19
82-000-3580-821037	fPrinceton Community Trust	0.00	1,510.49
84-000-3590-000000	fConservation FB	0.00	3,448.26
85-000-3590-000000	Infrastructure FB	0.00	360,937.73
99-000-3760-991002	Bond Auth. TPS PCB Debt	0.00	0.00
99-000-3760-991005	Bond Auth. Bagg Hall Stab	130,000.00	0.00
99-000-3760-992009	Bond Auth. PFAS Remediation	500,000.00	0.00
99-000-3760-992010	Bond Auth. Road Construction	700,000.00	0.00
99-000-3770-991005	B/A Offset Bagg Hall Stab	0.00	130,000.00
99-000-3770-992009	B/A Offset PFAS Remediation	0.00	500,000.00
99-000-3770-992010	B/A Offset Road Construction	0.00	700,000.00
Total: Balance		2,405,939.12	8,600,527.64
	305 Account(s) totaling:	15,465,766.94	15,465,766.94

Advisory Committee – 2020 - Annual Report

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term ends</u>
Wayne M. Adams	Chair	June 2022
Judy Dino	Member	June 2021
Jon Fudeman	Member	June 2023
Bill Lawton	Member	June 2020
Helga Lyons	Secretary	June 2022
Rick McCowan	Member	June 2022
Jake Rocznik	Member	June 2023
Mary Jo Wojtusik	Member	June 2021

AC members met numerous times in 2020-2021 to review town departmental operational budgets, capital requests and borrowing requirements, to make Reserve Fund transfers, and to review and vote on the articles for 1) a Special Town Meeting (STM) to fund PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) remediation and regulatory requirements; 2) the June Annual Town Meeting (ATM) warrant. The state and town budget planning cycles for FY21 were greatly disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, eroding confidence in revenue and allocation projections. The town actions included deferring many capital requests and moving the planned funds into the town Stabilization Fund and delaying ATM from mid-May to late June. AC produced a three-page overview for 2021 ATM reflecting highlights of the FY21 operating budget and capital budget requests with the projected tax bills change for the average household should all articles be passed. The AC made a recommendation to further conserve funds by recommending the school budget be reduced to reflect a 3.5% increase, instead of the 4.6% increase requested. The town voters voted to fund the original WRSD (Wachusett Regional School District) allocation due to uncertain increased COVID costs and the lack of a state approved budget to confirm the state's Chapter 70 school district allocations. The AC hosted public hearings to solicit citizens' opinions and concerns regarding the town's financial picture as well as to discuss the annual town warrant articles and the AC recommendations for the ATM warrant. The AC also hosted a public hearing for the STM to fund the PFAS project.

The AC ongoing guidance to town leaders is long-term financial sustainability as the principal goal in town spending. For FY2022, we advised that operating budget formation guidance be level funded to enable more discussions and analysis in support of sustainable budget growth and operational efficiencies while we plan for the new and incremental capital-intensive investments needed in town buildings, town roadways, PFAS testing & remediation, and town vehicles. Though we start with a level funded guidance, total town spend may be more than level funding after thorough review of the requests.

The town financial policy guideline document has greatly improved the pace and completeness for planning the operational and capital budgets. The AC has approved a version for the Selectboard to consider adopting as an endorsed policy for the town to follow and for public access. The piloting of the policy guideline document in FY2021 and the early FY2022 cycle has refined and confirmed the guidelines as being complete, while remaining flexible to be amended as needed. In FY2022, we continue to have AC assigned committee members to be liaisons to departments, boards, and committees to assist with budget planning and research. In general, the year-round AC involvement and support has been appreciated by the town leaders, board chairs, and department heads.

Several projects and recommendations during the time-period include:

- Completion of the Financial Policy Guideline document which includes planning guidance for the operating budget, capital budget, debt management, reserve funds, and free cash.
- Improving the 5-year Capital Plan format (originally developed by the Collins Center) and process to support decision making.
- Guidance by Selectboard (SB) and AC representatives at the FY22 WRSD Roundtable to strive to a budget increase to not exceed 2.5%.
- Guidance on the issuance of debt to fund the construction of a bridge and culvert to augment the 10 year road construction and maintenance plan.
- Developing a format for YTD FY21 revenue, expense, and fund reporting.
- Supporting the Selectboard's increased joint collaboration efforts to keeping town residents informed year-round. <https://www.town.princeton.ma.us/selectboard/pages/town-finances>
- Creation of liaison positions on various town committees/initiatives to include Parks & Recreation, IT Strategic Planning Committee, Library, Road Advisory Committee, WRSD, Environmental Action Committee, Waste & Recycling Committee, Insurance Committee, PMLD Search Committee, New Public Safety Building, Planning Board, Negotiation of Contracts for Police and Fire Department, Town Financial Team, Shared Streets Committee.
- Provided support and advice for the town's Stretch Energy Code By-Law, Energy Audit of town buildings, and application for Green Community Status.

The town financial outlook will need careful attention to address new and unexpected expenses such as ongoing PFAS testing and remediation, as well as overdue infrastructure investments including a new public safety building. The town will continue to increase its grant writing to secure funds to augment our town taxpayer base.

Background

Massachusetts towns with a property valuation of \$1 million or more must create, by either charter or bylaw, a finance committee, also known as an Advisory Committee (AC). The Town of Princeton bylaws tasks a seven member AC with considering all the town finances and all warrant articles. The AC is responsible for submitting its recommendations on the annual budget to the Princeton Town Meeting, along with recommendations for all articles on warrants, be it for the Annual Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting. The AC statutory authority includes making transfers from the town's reserve fund to other line items in the budget as requested.

Along with the Town Administrator (TA) and the Selectboard (SB), the AC is instrumental for the development of the annual operating budget and the 5-year Capital plan. The AC works to identify and monitor areas that threaten the town's ability to remain fiscally prudent. The AC does provide strong guidance to improve the operating budget planning process and capital improvement requests by town departments. The SB, TA, and AC continue to improve on the yearly financial planning processes to institutionalize long-term fiscal planning.

Wayne M. Adams, chair, on behalf of the Princeton Advisory Committee

2020 Report of the Town Clerk

Town of Princeton Residents,

2020 was a hectic year and one we will not soon forget! It was a challenging year in the Office of the Town Clerk as we held four elections and two town meetings amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic, which affected every aspect of how we serve the public and hold public town events.

I want to thank former Town Clerk Lynne Grettum for her service as interim town clerk in 2020. During these incredibly unprecedented times, Lynne held everything together, ensuring some of the biggest elections in Princeton history happened safely, transparently, and civically. I want to thank Assistant Town Clerk Susan Priest, our election workers, and Town of Princeton employees for their assistance, which provided Princeton residents the opportunity to practice their civic duty during elections and at town meetings.

I want to give a special thank you to the Senior Work-Off Program workers that assist the Town Clerk's Office. They have been an asset to the office, especially during the busy census and election time.

The Town Clerk's Office offers many services on a walk-in basis that switched to virtual or appointment-based during the COVID-19 pandemic. The way we are issuing marriage licenses, dog licenses, certified copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates, voter registration; absentee ballot applications; and business permits all changed this year. Residents can request these services and obtain records such as town meeting warrants, election and voter documentation, annual reports, and the annual street list by contacting our office.

It has been quite the learning experience since being sworn in by Moderator Harry Pape on November 30, 2020. Even though I have not met many residents in person, I would like to thank you for your kindness and welcoming spirit while transitioning into my new role. I look forward to working with you in 2021, and the days ahead in the Town of Princeton!

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk Nathan R. Boudreau

The town clerk is responsible for the coordinating and administrating all local and state elections. The following elections were held in Princeton in 2020:

Event	Voter Participation	% of Registered Voters
Presidential Primary	1159	39.5%
Special Town Meeting	110	3.7%
Annual Town Election	114	4%
Annual Town Meeting	170	6%
State Primary Election	1140	40%
State Presidential Election	2565	87%

JURY LIST

The Jury List for the current year is available for review in the Town Clerk’s Office.

VITAL STATISTICS

The following vital statistics were reported in the Town of Princeton from 01/01/20 through 12/31/20

Births	Marriages	Deaths
26	9	25

LICENSES AND FEES

DOGS		TOWN CLERK	
Licenses Issued	\$5,765.00	Various certificates, licenses, and filing fees	\$3158.50
Kennel Licenses	\$100.00		
Late Fees	\$1600		
Total	8480.0	Total	3158.50

VOTER DATA

	2019	2020
Total Registered Voters	2830	2937
Democrats	546	587
Republicans	448	418
Other	42	39
Unenrolled	1794	1893

ELECTED OFFICIALS 2020

	<u>Term Beginning</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Board of Assessors		
Robert C. Cumming	5/10/2019	5/13/2022
Timothy R. Hammond	5/15/2018	5/10/2021
Helen H. Townsend	6/23/2020	5/10/2023

Electric Light Commissioners

Christopher Conway	5/15/2018	5/10/2021
Richard Chase	5/10/2019	5/13/2022
Richard A. Rys, Jr.	6/23/2020	5/11/2023

Moderator

Harry A. Pape	6/23/2020	5/10/2021
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Planning Board

Ann Neuburg	5/15/201	5/13/2022
Russell H. Mason	5/12/2019	5/14/2022
John O. Mirick	6/23/2020	5/11/2023
Thomas E. Sullivan	5/12/2018	5/14/2021
Ian B. Catlow	6/23/2020	5/11/2023

Selectboard

Matthew Moncreaff	5/13/2019	5/10/2022
Karen G. Cruise	5/15/2018	5/10/2021
Richard Bisk	6/23/2020	5/11/2023

Trustees of Trust Funds

Kevin Heman, Sr.	6/23/2020	5/11/2023
Stephen Mirick	5/10/2018	5/13/2021
James O'Coin	5/11/2019	5/14/2022

Wachusett Regional School Committee

Robert Imber	5/15/2018	5/10/2021
Megan K. Weeks	5/10/2019	5/13/2022

APPOINTED OFFICIALS – Boards, Committees and Commissions

<u>APPOINTED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>	<u>START OF TERM</u>	<u>END OF TERM</u>
<i>Advisory Committee</i>		
Wayne Adams	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Jon Fudeman	7/28/2020	6/30/2023
Richard McCowan	3/30/2019	6/30/2022
Judith Dino	6/19/2017	6/30/2021
MaryJo Wojtusik	7/2/2018	6/30/2021
Helga Lyons	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Americans With Disabilities Coordinator</i>		
VACANT		
<i>Animal Inspector</i>		
Greg Dowdy	5/1/2019	4/30/2021
Jennifer Ford	5/1/2019	4/30/2021
<i>Assistant Gas and Plumbing Inspector</i>		
Robert Janda	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
<i>Assistant Parking Clerk</i>		
Michele Powers	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
<i>Assistant Town Clerk</i>		
Susan Priest	5/9/2019	6/30/22
<i>Board of Appeals</i>		
Lawrence Greene Jr.	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Edith Morgan (alternate)	7/1/2019	6/30/2020
William Lawton	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Jesse Weeks	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
<i>Board of Health</i>		
Gregory Dowdy	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
James Hillis	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Dianna Gubber-Markley (alternate)	7/1/2020	2/4/2022
Lawrence C. Greene Jr.	12/22/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Board of Registrars</i>		
Rosemary Fudeman	4/1/2018	3/31/2021
Susan DeLiddo	7/1/2020	3/31/2023
Philip O'Brien	10/02/2019	3/31/2022

<i>Burial Agent</i>		
Nathan Boudreau	11/30/2020	6/30/2021
<i>Cemetery Commission</i>		
Paul Constantino	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Lynne Grettum	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Amy Holwell	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Louis Trostel	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Gregory Miranda	8/20/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Cemetery Superintendent</i>		
Andrew Brown	07/01/2018	No Expiration Date
<i>Conservation Commission</i>		
Rachael Catlow	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Brian Keevan	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Susan Mitchell	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Barbara Laughlin	4/3/2019	6/30/2022
Bonnie Hirsh	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Victoria Taft	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
<i>Constables</i>		
Michele Powers/	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Michael Trafecante	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Ricky Thebeau	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
<i>Council on Aging Director</i>		
Judith Webster	1/1/2021	No Expiration Date
<i>Council on Aging</i>		
Jane Giumette	7/1/18	6/30/2021
Barbara Guthrie	7/23/201	6/30/2022
William Lindquist	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Wendy Pape	7/23/2018	6/30/2021
Susan Stohlberg	8/20/2019	6/30/2022
Thelia Thompson	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Donna Mackenzie	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Michael Warren	7/23/2020	6/30/2023
Francis Thomas	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
<i>Cultural Council</i>		
Hannah Hall-Alicandro	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Marsha Dowdy	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Beth Hunter	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Shauna Knuth	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Carla Royak-Voltura	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Melissa Yazdanpanah	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
<i>Environmental Action Committee</i>		
Corey Burnham-Howard	6/30/2019	6/30/2022
Claire Golding	6/30/2019	6/30/2022
Phil Gott	6/30/2019	6/30/2022
Phoebe Moore	6/30/2019	6/30/2022
Christine Samoilloff	6/25/2019	6/30/2022
Charlie Cary	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
<i>Election Officers</i>		
Linda Albrecht	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Phyllis Booth	7/1/2020	6/30/2021

Leigh Carpenter	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Barbara Gates	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Lynne Grettum	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Patricia Hatch	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Edith Johnston	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Denise McKay	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Elisabeth Lawson	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Gregory Miranda	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Carolyn Nelson	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Alan Sentkowski	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Charlotte Stirewalt	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Joyce Szerejko	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Francis Thomas	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Thelia Thompson	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Jane Weisman	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
<i>Fire Chief</i>		
John Bennett	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
<i>Gas and Plumbing Inspector</i>		
Jeremy Pierce	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
<i>Highway Superintendent</i>		
Ben Metcalf	9/15/19	6/30/2023
<i>Historical Commission</i>		
Joyce Anderson	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
Joyce Morrison	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
Matthew Lindberg	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Carl Soderberg	6/30/2019	6/30/2022
Laurence Todd	10/6/2018	6/30/2021
<i>Inspector of Buildings</i>		
Frederick Lonardo	2/12/19	6/30/21
<i>Inspector of Wires</i>		
Gary Harrington	3/21/19	6/30/21
<i>Insurance Advisory Committee</i>		
Terri Longtine	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
Michele Powers	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
Ben Metcalf	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
James Dunbar	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
John Bennett	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
Karen Cruise	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
Helga Lyons	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
Jane Weisman	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
Ben Getchell	7/1/2019	6/30/2021
<i>Memorial Day Committee</i>		
Jon Fudeman	6/30/2019	6/30/2021
Kimberly Union	7/01/2019	6/30/2022
Charles Steele	6/30/2019	6/30/2021
<i>Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School</i>		
John Mollica	7/1/2016	06/30/2020
<i>Open Space Committee</i>		

Kelton Burbank	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Deborah Cary	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Richard Gardner	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Karen Rossow	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Carey Leblanc	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Parking Clerk</i>		
Susan Priest		
<i>Parks and Recreation Commission</i>		
Kelton Burbank	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Kari Sledzik	9/9/2019	6/30/2022
Jennifer Greene	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Terry Hart	7/1/2020	6/30/2022
Scott Morris	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Travis Parisi	7/1/2020	6/30/2021
<i>Personnel Board</i>		
Catherine LePage	7/1/2017	6/30/2023
James Shuris	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Richard Zeena	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Police Chief</i>		
Michele Powers		
	6/30/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Police Officers</i>		
Hasnain Ali	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Joseph Cecchi	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
John Chase	7/1/2017	6/30/2023
Holly Doyle	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Joseph Picariello	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
Michael Porcaro	7/1/2017	6/30/2023
Paul Quinn	7/1/2017	6/30/2023
Fawne Russell	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Travis Russell	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Robert Sargood	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Matthew Seymour	7/1/2017	6/30/2023
William White	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Police Sergeants</i>		
Ricky Thebeau	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Michael Trafecante	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Road Advisory Committee</i>		
Matthew Granger	7/1/2020	6/30/2023
Ann Neuburg	11/27/2019	6/30/2022
William Holder	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Thelia Thompson	7/1/2018	6/30/2021
Kevin Toohey	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Town Accountant</i>		
Jenny Lin	7/1/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Town Administrator</i>		
Sherry Patch	10/10/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Town Clerk</i>		

Nathan R. Boudreau	11/30/2020	6/30/2021
	5/1/2019	6/30/2022
<i>Town Counsel</i>		
Law Office of Thomas A. Mullen	4/27/2015	No Expiration Date
<i>Town Perambulator</i>		
Brian Keevin	7/1/2017	6/30/2023
<i>Treasurer/Collector</i>		
James Dunbar	7/1/2019	7/1/2022
<i>Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent</i>		
Chris Courville	7/11/2018	6/30/2021
<i>Veterans Agent</i>		
Sara Custer	3/27/2018	No Expiration Date
<i>Wachusett Mountain Advisory Council</i>		
William Eicholzer	07/01/2019	6/30/2022

Federal and State Representatives in 2020

United States Senators in Congress

Elizabeth A. Warren, Cambridge
Edward J. Markey, Malden

Representative in Congress – Second Congressional District

James P. McGovern, Worcester

Councilor – Seventh District

Paul M. DePalo, Worcester

Senator in General Court – First Worcester District

Harriette L. Chandler, Worcester

Representative in General Court – First Worcester District

Kimberly N. Ferguson, Holden

District Attorney – Middle District

Joseph D. Early Jr., Worcester

Sheriff – Worcester County

Lewis G. Evangelidis, Holden

Clerk of Courts – Worcester County

Dennis P. McManus, West Boylston

Register of Deeds – Worcester District

Kathryn A. Toomey, Worcester

Register of Probate – Worcester County

Stephanie K. Fattman, Webster

Annual Town Election

OFFICIAL results from the Annual Town Election held Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020 from 12 noon - 8 p.m. at the Thomas Prince School.

A total of 114 ballots were cast.

Selectboard

Richard Bisk	105
Write-In	4
Blanks	5

Assessor

Helen Townsend	110
Write-In	0
Blanks	4

Electric Light Commissioner

Richard Rys	99
Write-In	6
Blanks	9

Trustee of Trust Funds

Kevin Heman	106
Write-In	1
Blanks	7

Planning Board (2 Positions)

John Mirick	102
Ian Catlow	98
Write-In	1
Blanks	27

Moderator

Harry Pape	109
Write-In	2
Blanks	3

Special Town Meeting - RESULTS

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Official record for administrative purposes

Article 1. VOTED to appropriate one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the investigation and remediation of environmental conditions relating to the detection of perfluoroalkyl and/or polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) at the public drinking water supply well serving the Town Campus (including the Town Hall, Library and Public Safety Complex), in response to a Notice of Responsibility issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (the “DEP”) pursuant to G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000, et seq., including, without limitation, the costs of sampling, testing and monitoring well water in and near the Town Campus, furnishing bottled water and point-of-entry treatment systems to affected persons, and related consulting, engineering and legal expenses in connection with such activities and efforts by the Town to seek contribution or reimbursement for the costs of the referenced activities from third parties responsible or liable for a release of PFAS in the Town; and to fund such appropriation, that the Town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum under G.L. c. 44, § 7(10) or any other enabling authority; provided that no indebtedness shall be incurred until plans relating to such project have been submitted to and approved by the DEP; and provided further that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved under this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs so approved in accordance with G.L. c. 44, § 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and any other Town official to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Annual Town Meeting – Princeton, MA 01541

June 27, 2020

To meet Covid-19 safety protocols, the meeting was held under a tent on the grounds of Thomas Prince School

Warrant duly posted: June 16, 2020
Inhabitants notified by website June 16, 2020
posting:
Advisory Board Hearing: June 10, 2020
Quorum needed: 58
Voters Present: 170
Moderator: Harry Pape
Checkers/Counters: Susan Priest, Frances Thomas
Constable: Michele Powers
Meeting called to order: 10:00AM
Meeting dissolved: 11:29AM

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 10:01AM

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 Moderator read the results from the June 23, 2020 Annual Town Election.

All Articles are unanimously approved by the Advisory Board except where noted.

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and any outstanding committees and act thereon.

Moderator declared the vote unanimous 10:08AM

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), c. 41, §108, to fix the salaries of the following Town Officers for the ensuing year (FY21), or take any other action relative thereto.

	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
Moderator	\$ 25	\$ 25
Selectmen	\$3,600 (\$1,200 per member)	\$3,600 (\$1,200 per member)
Assessors	\$ 0	\$1,500 (\$ 500 per member)

This article establishes the salaries of paid elected officials.

Moderator declared the vote unanimous 10:09AM

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 10,693,162.25 including debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing fiscal year (FY21), or take any other action relative thereto.

DEPARTMENT	FY20	FY21	FY21	FY21
	BUDGET	PROPOSED	Sub-Total	AC
	VOTED	BUDGET	To Be Voted On	RECOMMENDS
				(TBD)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Moderator				
Salary	25.00	25.00		
Expense	86.00	86.00		
Sub-Total	111.00		111.00	

DEPARTMENT	FY20	FY21	FY21	FY21
	BUDGET	PROPOSED	Sub-Total	AC
	VOTED	BUDGET	To Be Voted On	RECOMMENDS
				(TBD)
Board of Selectmen				
Salaries	3,600.00	3,600.00		
Expense	6,150.00	6,150.00		
Sub-Total	9,750.00		9,750.00	
Town Administrator				
Salary	95,000.00	100,000.00		
Expense	43,700.00	3,700.00		
Sub-Total	138,700.00		103,700.00	
Reserve Fund				
Expense	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
Town Accountant				
Salary	51,938.00	52,977.00		
Accountant Certification		1,000.00		
Annual Audit Expense	14,500.00	14,500.00		
Expense	9,693.00	8,654.00		
Sub-Total	76,131.00		77,131.00	
Board of Assessors				
Board Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Department Salary	56,930.52	58,099.13		
Principal Assessor Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Expense	18,659.00	17,490.39		
Sub-Total	78,089.52		78,089.52	
Treasurer/Tax Collector				
Department Salary	94,638.51	102,993.04		
Certification	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Expense	19,650.00	18,692.50		
Sub-Total	116,288.51		123,685.54	
Town Counsel				
Expense	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	
Information Technology				
Info. Tech. Salary	26,496.60	27,027.00		
Info Tech Expense	14,723.00	45,850.00		
Sub-Total	41,219.60		72,877.00	

DEPARTMENT	FY20 BUDGET VOTED	FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY21 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY21 AC RECOMMENDS (TBD)
Administrative Assistants				
Salaries	23,186.56	25,819.54		
Expense	400.00	400.00		
Sub-Total	23,586.56		26,219.54	
Town Clerk				
Salary	39,306.60	40,092.72		
Certification		-		
Expenses	4,695.00	5,380.00		
Sub-Total	44,001.60		45,472.72	
Elections & Registration				
Salaries	3,800.00	5,975.00		
Expense	4,793.00	7,805.00		
Sub-Total	8,593.00		13,780.00	
Conservation Commission				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Environmental Action Committee				
Expense	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Planning Board				
Admin. Asst. Salary	20,553.12	20,964.18		
Expense	1,866.51	1,866.51		
Sub-Total	22,419.63		22,830.69	
Board of Appeals				
Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Open Space Committee				
Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Agricultural Commission				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Building Operations				
Salaries	49,168.20	50,776.72		
Expense	66,950.00	65,341.48		
Sub-Total	116,118.20		116,118.20	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVMT.	781,008.62		796,765.21	

DEPARTMENT	FY20	FY21	FY21	FY21
	BUDGET	PROPOSED	Sub-Total	AC
	VOTED	BUDGET	To Be Voted On	RECOMMENDS
				(TBD)
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Police/Dispatch				
Police non-union Salaries	163,994.00	165,118.00		
Police Union Salaries	484,296.00	557,027.00		
Regional Dispatch	83,467.00	62,165.00		
Expense	87,144.00	121,536.00		
Sub-Total	818,901.00		905,846.00	
Fire Department				
Salaries	145,384.00	145,384.00		
Expense	133,974.00	137,574.00		
Amb Readiness (article 10 below)	84,656.00	100,256.00		
Sub-Total	364,014.00		383,214.00	
Animal Control				
Animal Inspector Salary	500.00	500.00		
Expense (Regionalized)	12,221.14	12,465.56		
Sub-Total	12,721.14		12,965.56	
Emergency Response				
Emergency Mgt. Exp.	3,060.00	3,060.00		
Emergency Notification Sys	3,699.00	3,699.00		
COVID-19 Expenses		12,000.00		
Sub-Total	6,759.00		18,759.00	
Tree Warden				
Salary	1,632.00	1,665.00		
Expense	11,968.00	11,935.00		
Sub-Total	13,600.00		13,600.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:	1,215,995.14		1,334,384.56	
SCHOOLS				
Wachusett Regional School				
Wachusett Min. Contribution	3,565,466.00	3,697,913.00		
Operations Assessment	948,577.00	987,821.09		
Transportation	286,222.00	294,015.00		
Long Term Debt	153,566.00	147,641.00		
Sub-total	4,953,831.00		5,127,390.09	
Montachusett Reg. Vocational	385,123.00	429,474.00	429,474.00	
Smith Vocational		60,000.00	60,000.00	
TOTAL SCHOOLS	5,338,954.00		5,616,864.09	

DEPARTMENT	FY20 BUDGET VOTED	FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY21 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY21 AC RECOMMENDS (TBD)
PUBLIC WORKS:				
Highway				
Salaries	386,719.04	388,119.04		
Expense	260,994.79	256,031.79		
Road Reconstruction	350,000.00	350,000.00		
Sub-Total	997,713.83		994,150.83	
Snow/Ice Removal				
Expense	210,000.00	210,000.00	210,000.00	
Street Lights				
Expense	5,127.81	3,095.95	3,095.95	
Wachusett Earthday	1,849.00	1,849.00	1,849.00	
Environmental				
Expense	19,980.00	19,980.00	19,980.00	
Cemeteries				
Salaries	9,833.62	9,833.62		
Expense	20,940.00	20,940.00		
Sub-Total	30,773.62		30,773.62	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,265,444.26		1,259,849.40	
HUMAN SERVICES				
Council on Aging				
Salary	30,865.60	33,506.60		
Expense	63,900.00	61,509.00		
Sub-Total	94,765.60		95,015.60	
Veterans Services				
Salary	2,600.00	3,000.00		
Expense	18,248.67	35,100.00		
Sub-Total	20,848.67		38,100.00	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	115,614.27		133,115.60	

DEPARTMENT	FY20 BUDGET VOTED	FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY21 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY21 AC RECOMMENDS (TBD)
CULTURE & RECREATION:				
Library				
Salaries	121,080.00	124,712.84		
Expense	65,750.00	69,100.00		
Sub-Total	186,830.00		193,812.84	
Parks & Recreation				
Salaries	19,037.20	10,000.00		
Expense	13,769.94	11,000.00		
Sub-Total	32,807.14		21,000.00	
Historical Commission				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Memorial Day				
Expense	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	222,937.14		218,112.84	
DEBT & INTEREST:				
Police Cruisers	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	
Thomas Prince/PCBs	30,375.00	-	0.00	
Thomas Prince/Green Repair	122,100.00	119,900.00	119,900.00	
PFAS Remediation	-	13,000.00	13,000.00	
Broadband Make Ready	124,300.00	121,300.00	121,300.00	
Fire Truck Debt/Int	134,700.00	130,500.00	130,500.00	
Bagg Hall Stab. Debt/Int	32,350.00	18,700.00	18,700.00	
General Interest/Borrowing Fees	26,300.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
TOTAL DEBT	487,125.00		445,400.00	

DEPARTMENT	FY20 BUDGET VOTED	FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY21 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY21 AC RECOMMENDS (TBD)
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Retirement	230,637.00	258,577.00	258,577.00	
Town Insurance	140,500.00	160,000.00	160,000.00	
Health Insurance	360,436.54	348,864.22	348,864.22	
Life & Fringe	8,900.00	8,900.00	8,900.00	
FICA/Medicare	44,252.37	45,137.42	45,137.42	
Wage/Salary Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	809,725.91		846,478.64	
GRAND TOTAL TO BE VOTED:	10,236,804.34		10,650,970.34	
Article # 10 FY 2019 ATM for Expanded Daytime Weekend Ambulance Coverage	15,600.00	(Incl Above)	(Incl Above)	
Total Amended Budget	10,252,404.34		10,650,970.34	

This article establishes the FY21 operating budget for town departments.

Moderator declared the vote unanimous (without the school budget) 10:14AM
Advisory Committee Vote (WRSD 2-4-0), (Fire Dept. 5-0-1)

Chairman of Advisory Comm. moved to adjust the WRSD budget to 5,127,215.00. Various discussions on both sides were discussed at length. At 10:53AM a request was made to vote and cut-ff the discussion. **Moderator declared that vote unanimous at 10:53AM.** Amended amount proposed by Advisory Committee failed; **moderator declared at 10:54AM. Moderator declared the original budget in the Warrant, 5,674,056.00, carries at 10:54AM**

ARTICLE 4. RECURRING BUSINESS

- A. To see if the Town will vote to establish the FY21 ambulance operating budget by use of receipts for ambulance services received to date and if necessary by raising and appropriating or by appropriating from available funds. Receipts for ambulance services received in FY21 and all subsequent fiscal years to be deposited into a receipt reserved for appropriation account established in FY01. Appropriations from said account to be made at either the annual or special town meetings for the purpose of maintaining and operating the Town’s ambulance service, i.e. salary for ambulance employees, vehicle maintenance, fuel, equipment and operating supplies. The requested appropriation for the FY21 ambulance-operating budget is \$62,620 for salary and \$65,000 for expenses for a

total budget of \$127,620 with any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years, or take any other action relative thereto.

This establishes the FY21 receipts reserved for appropriation account from which ambulance operating expenses will be paid.

- B. To see if the Town will vote to establish the FY21 trash operating budget. Receipts for trash disposal services received in FY21 and all subsequent fiscal years to be deposited into a trash enterprise fund account established in FY08. Appropriations from said account to be made at either the annual or special town meetings for the purpose of paying for the proper disposal of solid waste generated within the town. The requested appropriation for the FY21 trash-operating budget is \$21,000, to be appropriated from Solid Waste Enterprise. Any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town pays directly to Wheelabrator Millbury, Inc. where the trash incinerator is located for solid waste disposal. This article allows the town to receive offsetting payments from trash haulers which are deposited into this account.

- C. To see if the town will vote to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 01-000-3591-000000 the sum of \$10,000.00 to be deposited in the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund in order to offset future health insurance costs for retirees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of this will authorize a contribution to a trust fund established by the May, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to fund future health insurance liabilities for retirees, similar to funding future pension obligations.

- D. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50 to the Goodnow Book Expense Account for the purchase of books for the Library, as required by the terms of the Goodnow Deed of Gift, or take any other action thereto.

The Deed of Gift requires an annual payment of \$50.

- E. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$800 to support the Wachusett Greenways, or take any other action thereto.

This article funds a portion of the Wachusett Greenways operation for maintaining and managing the rail trails in the Wachusett area.

- F. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 01000-3591-000000 the sum of \$2,047 to the School Septic System Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reserving funds for the replacement and/or repair of

the septic system at the Thomas Prince School; or to take any other action relative thereto.

The Town and the Wachusett Regional School District signed a Maintenance Agreement in FY17, which provides for an annual payment in the amount of \$2,047 in FY17, 18, and 19 to the Town of Princeton toward the replacement or repair costs of the septic system at the school. The FY18 funds were received by the Town, and by law were required to be deposited to misc. revenue, which eventually became part of the FY18 free cash balance.

- G. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with and accept any grants from the Mass. Department of Transportation-Highway Division for the construction of any road or related work that may be allotted to the Town for the ensuing year or to take any other action relative thereto.

This article authorizes the Selectmen to accept any grants or contracts with the state for road or road-related projects.

Moderator packaged all of Article IV, declared the vote unanimous at 10:55AM

ARTICLE 5: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 2020 Spending Limit	FY 2021 Spending Limit
Building Department	Bldg. Inspector Town Admin.	Fees from Bldg, Wiring, and Plumbing Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$55,000	\$55,000
Library	Library Director, Town Admin.	Copy Machine, Fax, Fines and Fees	Defray Operational Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000
Parks and Recreation (P&R)	P&R Commission Chairman, P&R Director, and Town Admin.	Fees Collected from Recreational Programs	Provide Recreational Programs & Pay Salaries	\$30,000	\$20,000
Parks and Recreation (P&R)	P&R Commission Chairman, P&R Director, and Town Admin.	Fees Collected from Recreational Programs	Maintenance of Parks Pay Salaries	\$30,000	\$30,000
Board of Health	Board of Health Town Admin.	Permits & Inspections	Salary & Expense	\$19,000	\$21,000
Cemetery	Cemetery Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Burial Fees	Salary & Expense	\$4,000	\$8,000
Fire Department	Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Town Admin.	Fees from Fire Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$6,500	\$8,500
Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission Chair, Town Admin.	Lease Payments from Four Corners Hayfields	To Pay for the Upkeep of & Improvements to Conservation Property	N/A (New fund proposed)	\$3,500
Maximum Spending					\$150,000

All departments having revolving accounts were asked to complete a FY21 budget request. The spending limits were adjusted for each account to match revenue anticipated and available for each fund, as well as budgets requested, with minor exceptions. Please note that the Municipal Modernization Act of 2016 changed the procedures for Revolving Funds, requiring that a By-Law be established for revolving funds. A By-Law was established at the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Advisory Committee Vote: (Fire: 5-0-1)

Moderator declared the vote unanimous at 10:57AM

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter XX of the Town of Princeton General Bylaws, entitled “Stretch Energy Code”, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2021, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Currently, the Base Energy Code of the Massachusetts State Building Code is applied to all construction in town. Passage of this article would adopt a Stretch Energy Code Bylaw. This bylaw would apply the Stretch Energy Code, which is an appendix to the Massachusetts State Building Code, to new construction in town, requiring more energy efficiency in construction than currently required under the Base Energy Code. The current Stretch Energy Code applies only to new residential construction and to new large commercial construction (e.g., over 100,000 sq. feet or over 40,000 sq. feet for high-intensity energy users such as laboratories or grocery stores); it does not apply to renovations, repairs, alterations, or additions to existing homes or commercial buildings, or to new small commercial construction. Adoption of this bylaw would also adopt and apply all future versions of the Stretch Energy Code

Discussion from the Electric Light Commission member and Environmental Action Committee spoke on behalf of passing the article. **Moderator declared the vote carried at 11:10AM**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00; to conduct an energy audit of all Town owned buildings or take any other action relative thereto.

This article funds a baseline energy audit for Town buildings. This is one of the requirements for achieving Green Community Status. The Environmental Action Committee (EAC) and Town will continue to pursue ways to have the audit done without using Town funds. The Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Funds—which typically would have paid for the audits—are delayed until the fall in part because of Coronavirus restrictions and related delays. The Town would be unable to make the 2020 Green Community Designation deadline if the Town waited for META funds. This would mean missing the opportunity to get grant funds for energy efficiency projects as part of capital improvements that are already underway. The Selectboard and EAC believe that it is in the Town’s best interest to complete the steps needed to become a Green Community and have access to the related grant opportunities as soon as possible. The PMLD Commissioners voted to pay half the cost of the audit as long as the Town approves the Stretch Energy Code warrant article. Though the article includes the full \$25,000, it will be amended on the floor to be \$12,500 if the Stretch Code article (Article 6) passes.

Moderator declared the vote unanimous at 11:14AM

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account #01-000-3591-000000 the sum of \$60,000.00 for design and engineering services, including the production of construction documents, for repair of Princeton Library Clock

Tower, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article pays for design and construction documents for the repair of the Goodnow Library clock tower. Inspection of the Tower by Chris Conway uncovered damage that needs to be repaired. The Library 13 Trustees funded the preliminary design work by Jones Whitsett Architects. The remaining documents are needed to search for grants and to pay to repair the Tower in a timely fashion before the water damage becomes worse.

Moderator declared the vote unanimous at 11:16AM

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 01-000-3591-000000 a sum of \$267,424.00 to the Town's General Stabilization account #80-000-578-801001; or take any other action relative thereto. **2/3 vote required**

This is the Town's general savings account. It is generally recommended that cities and towns maintain a minimum of five (5) percent of their annual operating budget in stabilization. The stabilization account currently has approximately \$442,085, which is approximately four (4) percent of the total annual budget. If approved, a 2/3rds vote is required to transfer funds out of this account in the future. Since the state passed the Municipal Modernization Act, funds from the Stabilization fund can be applied to capital expenses and infrastructure projects. For convenience, the Town has opted to place all funds into the General Stabilization Fund instead of splitting them across the General Stabilization Fund and the Stabilization Infrastructure Fund. Capital Requests have been deferred this year due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty surrounding state revenue estimates. These funds will be available to address future capital needs and/or reduce debt obligations.

Advisory Committee Vote: (5-1-0)

Moderator declared the vote unanimous at 11:17AM

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town Hall Annex Repair account #03-192-5305-0210100 the sum of \$18,000.00 to the Public Safety Building Repair account #03-220-5304-0231016 for installation of a power generator at the Public Safety Building, or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of the article will allow certain funds remaining in the Town Hall Annex Account to be transferred to the Public Safety Building Repair Account to fund the installation of a power generator at the Public Safety Building. When Dispatch was regionalized several years ago, this generator was received through a grant, with the understanding that the Town would fund the installation. The existing generator isn't sufficient to power everything necessary at the Public Safety Building, while the new one will power everything. Note that the cost of installation has risen from \$12,000 in 2017 to \$18,000 today. The current balance in the annex repair account is \$78,355.58 as of 6/26/2020. Should both article 10 and article 11 pass, the remaining balance in the annex repair account will be \$45,355.58.

Moderator declared the vote unanimous at 11:18AM

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town Hall Annex Repair Account #03-192-5305-0210100 the sum of \$15,000 to the Public Safety Building Repair Account #03-220- 5304-0231016 for unforeseen repairs at the Public Safety Building or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of the article will allow certain funds remaining in the Town Hall Annex Account to be transferred to the Public Safety Building Repair Account for unforeseen repairs. Most of the repair work 14 authorized by Town Meeting in 2018 has been completed. Installation of the exhaust evacuation system was more expensive than originally estimated, and most of the contingency funds for the project have been spent. This article allows the Town to finish the repair project. The current balance in the annex repair account is \$78,355.58 as of 6/26/2020. Should both article 10 and article 11 pass, the remaining balance in the annex repair account will be \$45,355.58.

Moderator declared the vote unanimous at 11:19AM

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$700,000 for the purpose of funding road construction and infrastructure improvements in town, and to meet said appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum, pursuant to Mass. General Laws c.44, §7, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. **2/3 vote required.**

Approval of this article will allow the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow funds for road construction and infrastructure improvements (reconstruction of a culvert on Route 31 near Mirick Road and the bridge on Route 31 behind the old Highway Barn). Repayment of the funds borrowed would come from the annual Capital Road Construction Infrastructure Improvements budget. Combined, these projects total \$1,196,026. A Small Bridge grant and available Chapter 90 funds will provide partial funding for these projects. This article is meant to provide the balance. This strategy of borrowing for large, long-lived projects helps the road budget go further by avoiding a large one-time drawdown of available funds which would severely restrict the amount of available funds for future road reconstruction activity. Any borrowing undertaken now would be at historically low interest rates and would spread the cost of these nontraditional road projects out over time and enable the Town to continue with its program of rebuilding a portion of the Town's road system each year.

Moderator declared the vote unanimous at 11:24AM, 2/3 clearly met.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of stabilization and repairs at Bagg Hall, and to meet said appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum, pursuant to Mass. General Laws c.44, §7, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. **2/3 vote required.**

Approval of this article will allow the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to increase the amount of borrowing for Bagg Hall Stabilization by \$80,000. Unexpected issues and unforeseen additional brick and mortar repairs have arisen with the project, and the contingency funds are not considered to be sufficient given how far along the contractors are with the project. Excavation in the basement has already uncovered several problems that will need to be addressed, including the need for a sump pump to address a second source of water damaging the foundation. This amount would be added to the \$1.25 million authorized in May 2018.

Moderator declare the vote unanimous at 11:26AM, 2/3 clearly met.

Moderator asked for a motion to dissolve the meeting, was raised and seconded. Moderator declared the vote unanimous to dissolve at 11:29AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Toll, Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY – September 1, 2020

Warrant Duly Posted: August 25, 2020
 Polls Open: 7:00AM to 8:00PM
 Warden(s): Carolyn Nelson
 Clerks: Ginger Toll, Frances Thomas
 Election Officers: Linda Albrecht, Sharon Difranza, Barbara Gates, Susan Gronblom, Sandy Lord, Greg Miranda, Charlotte Stirewalt, Joyce Szerejko, Jane Weisman
 Counters: Beverly Stewart, Mark Stewart
 Constable(s): Officer Porcaro, Officer Chase

Votes Cast: 1140 In Person: 506 In Absentia: 634
 Democratic: 904 Republican: 234 Libertarian: 2
 Green-Rainbow:0

<u>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</u>			
DEMOCRAT		REPUBLICAN	
Edward J. Markey	578	Shiva Ayyadurai	113
Joseph P. Kennedy, III	323	Kevin J. O'Connor	116
Write-ins	2	Write-ins	2
Blanks	1	Blanks	3
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</u>			
DEMOCRAT		REPUBLICAN	
James P. McGovern	825	Tracy Lyn Lovvorn	198
Write-ins	6	Write-ins	5
Blanks	73	Blanks	31
<u>COUNCILLOR</u>			
DEMOCRAT		REPUBLICAN	
Paul M. DePalo	458	Write-ins	28
Padraic Rafferty	258	Blanks	206
Write-ins	1		
Blanks	187		
<u>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</u>			
DEMOCRAT		REPUBLICAN	
Harriette L. Chandler	805	Write-ins	34
Write-ins	5	Blanks	200

Blanks	94		
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</u>			
DEMOCRAT		REPUBLICAN	
Write-ins	91	Kimberly N. Ferguson	216
Blanks	813	Write-ins	1
		Blanks	17
<u>REGISTER OF PROBATE</u>			
John B. Dolan, III	347	Stephanie K. Fattman	198
Kasia Wennerberg	372	Write-ins	3
Write-ins	1	Blanks	33
Blanks	184		

LIBERTARIAN- No Candidates – 2 Write-ins for each office

GREEN-RAINBOW – No Candidates, No Votes Cast

Lynne F. Grettum, Interim Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION – November 3, 2020

Warrant Duly Posted: October 6, 2020
 Polls Open: 7:00AM to 8:00PM
 Warden(s): Carolyn Nelson, Claire Golding
 Clerks: Ginger Toll, Frances Thomas
 Election Officers: Linda Albrecht, Leigh Carpenter, Lisa Farnsworth, Barbara Gates, Jean Green, Susan Gronblom, Bowen Keevan, Betty Lawson, Greg Miranda, Jill Romer, Charlotte Stirewalt, Joyce Szerejko, Helen Townsend, Jane Weisman
 Counters: Beverly Stewart, Mark Stewart
 Constable(s): Officer Porcaro, Officer Quinn, Officer Picariello, Officer Seymour
 Votes Cast: 2591 In Person: 1029 In Absentia: 1562

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Biden and Harris	1530
Hawkins and Walker	3
Jorgensen and Cohen	45
Trump and Pence	977
All Others	20
Blank	16

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Kimberly N. Ferguson	1823
All Others	29
Blank	739

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward J. Markey	1477
Kevin J. O'Connor	964
Shiva Ayyadurai -Write-in	89
All Others	1
Blank	60

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Stephanie K. Fattman	1261
John B. Dolan, III	1085
All Others	2
Blank	243

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

James P. McGovern	1547
Tracy Lyn Lovvorn	949
All Others	4
Blank	91

QUESTION 1

Motor Vehicle Repair	
Yes	1916
No	600
Blank	75

COUNCILLOR

Paul M. DePalo	1762
All Others	32
Blank	797

QUESTION 2

Ranked-choice Voting	
Yes	1103
No	1412
Blank	76

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Harriette L. Chandler	1830
All Others	32
Blank	729

Lynne F. Grettum, Interim Town Clerk

Presidential Primary – March 3, 2020

Democratic Ballot

Democratic Town Committee

Claire Golding - 651
Chelsea Peoples - 547
Hayla Sluss - 500
Phoebe Moore - 548
Cynthia Morgan - 537
Write-In - 8

Dem. State Comm Man

John Brissette - 635
Write-In - 5
Blank - 300

Dem. State Comm Woman

Candy Mero-Carlson - 643
Write-In - 4
Blank - 293

Democratic Presidential Race

Deval Patrick - 1
Amy Klobuchar - 13
Elizabeth Warren - 192
Michael Bloomberg – 110
Tulsi Gabbard – 4
Cory Booker – 1
Tom Steyer – 7
Bernie Sanders – 249
Joe Biden – 328
John Delaney – 1
Pete Buttigieg - 31

Republican Ballot

Republican Town Committee.

Write-in - 8

Rep. State Comm Man

Patrick Crowley - 151
William McCarthy - 68

Rep. State Comm Woman

Kristina Spillane - 102
Bonnie Johnson - 116
Write-In - 1

Republican Presidential Race

Bill Weld – 29
Donald Trump – 188
No preference - 5

2020 Report of the Police Department

In 2020, we experienced a once-in-a-century crisis, a pandemic. We faced many challenges, frequently without the in-person support of family and friends. Fortunately, Princeton adopted the attitude of “we’re all in this together” and the Princeton Police Department gratefully witnessed neighbors helping neighbors whenever possible. I thank every citizen of Princeton for doing your part to practice social distancing and wear masks, as we cooperated to flatten the curve. As first responders, medical workers and the most vulnerable begin receiving vaccines, we know we will ultimately push through this terrible pandemic and eventually see restrictions lessen as our country begins to reopen. We greatly appreciate everyone’s support as we continue to practice scientifically proven health and safety measures to protect everyone in our community.

This year the Princeton Police Department was awarded three grants. We received a Covid-19 grant, allowing us to procure, masks, disinfectants, and gloves. It also provided resources for overtime and shift backfill if an officer became ill. This grant provided officers with Personnel Protective Equipment to remain safe during operations.

We applied for and received money to purchase a Live Fingerprint Scanner, allowing us to capture fingerprints without ink or a card. The Department can rapidly submit electronic fingerprints to the appropriate state or federal agency for processing.

Finally, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) awarded our Department a grant to increase impaired driving patrols during the holiday season. These resources allow Princeton police to join other departments in the national *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement campaign.

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the major activities of the Police Department for 2020:

Accidents.....	64
Alarms.....	90
Annoying Phone Calls	3
Arrests/Summons Arrests	29
Assaults.....	3
Assist Area Police Departments.....	43
Assist Other Town Departments.....	63
Breaking and Entering Dwellings.....	2
Breaking and Entering Vehicles	0
Disturbances.....	55
Domestic Disturbances	8
Fire Department Assists.....	68
Fraud	69
Investigations	184
Juvenile Problems	2
Larcenies	15
Lost/Missing Persons	8
Medical Assists	152
Motor Vehicles Disabled	52
Motor Vehicle, Erratic Operation	65
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	1
Narcotic Investigations	1
Public Safety Assists.....	1582
Public Service Assists.....	400
Restraining Orders Served	3
Suspicious Incidents.....	69
Suspicious Motor Vehicles	71
Suspicious Persons.....	22
Vandalism	34
911 Abandoned/Hang Up/Misdialed Phone Calls	77

It is my honor and privilege to thank all members of the Princeton Police Department for their professional service in 2020. I also offer my sincere appreciation to the selectmen and Town Administrator who continue to support our department with the resources required to enable us to provide the highest quality of police service to our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Powers
Chief of Police

2020 Report of the Princeton Fire Department

Chief & Emergency Management Director John D. Bennett

This has been an unprecedented year for us all.

The Princeton Fire & EMS Department coupled with our responsibilities in Emergency Management have collaborated with the Princeton Board of Health, surrounding communities, Massachusetts Emergency Management, and other Emergency Management Agencies to provide the best protection and care possible for our residents. We believe in sharing best practices and the net result is we are on the cusp of achieving herd immunity in Princeton. In the words of Jesus Jones (famous musician) “We are watching the world wake up from history”. We want to thank everyone for being vigilant and for wearing your masks and social distancing. We also want to thank those that looked out for the elderly and recently helped our seniors to get to the vaccination clinic at the senior center.

The one major call out we have for you this year is to help us rally for support in our pursuit of a new public safety building. The police and fire headquarters were built in 1890 and the building is in such a state of disrepair that it should be condemned. It is an embarrassment to our community. Your public safety personnel deserve a safe home too. We have labored over plans and design cuts for the past 3 years with a committee of true professionals and an architect that is highly experienced in the development of public safety buildings. Our focus has always been to present a conservative design. We have finally landed on plans that meet today's standards but are also set for future growth as the proposed facility must last for the unforeseeable future.

Emergency calls for response and training demands on First Responders are more complex today than civilians realize. We respond to car accidents, brush fires, bomb scares, haz-mat calls, carbon monoxide calls, search and rescues, electrical fires, gas leaks, police support calls, mutual aid to surrounding communities... and the list goes on and on. The bottom line is we are in desperate need of modern facilities where we are not walking through a foot of water to get on our gear to respond to calls, we are protected from caustic hazardous substances and we can rehab and care for the wellness and safety of our personnel. Take a visit to headquarters and you can see for yourself. We are happy to provide a tour. You will see a station full of standing ground water where drains are sealed due to hazardous chemicals in the soil contaminated over 60 years ago. The ceiling height cannot properly accommodate our equipment and it's under threat of collapse. We have no separation of gear or personnel from truck exhaust, we are not ADA, NFPA, NIOSH or OSHA compliant in either the police or fire station.

The bottom line is the numbers are increasing. Civilians think they are safer because of modern construction but it's just the opposite. Modern day materials (furniture, appliances, etc.) cause more poisonous gases than materials made 20 years ago. The other problem is modern construction is so tight that there are bigger threats for flash overs and back drafts because our new homes are like bombs when they fill with heated gases and toxic smoke.

The dangers are increasing. First responders are exposed to deadly substances like Fentanyl, meth labs and narcotics that did not exist even 10 years ago. If you think this does not happen in Princeton well then, we have awfully bad news for you.

The world is a different place and just because we are little Princeton, we are not immune.

What I ask as fire chief and a first responder of 42 years is for good standing residents like you to rally for our first responders in Police, Fire and EMS and provide them a safe home with the facilities and equipment they need to do their job in the 21st century. It's time to invest some serious funds in supporting public safety and build them a home for today and the future of public safety tomorrow.

Calls for Service 2020:

- 354 Calls for Service
- 4 Structure Fires
- 18 Other fires, chimney, brush, electrical, lightning etc.
- 208 EMS calls
- 75 False Alarms
- 6 HAZMAT / Hazardous conditions calls
- 43 Other calls including motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue & high angle rescue

Grants:

We work extremely hard to save Princeton Residents \$\$\$

- We secured over \$600,000 in grants since 2009 from FEMA, MEMA, and many other smaller grant funding opportunities.
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Community:

- The SAFE Program continues with full support of the state with grants.
- We continue our efforts with the Senior SAFE program and installation of smoke detectors, battery replacement, stove top organization, replacement of heating coils. etc.
- We are continuing our home evaluations under the Senior SAFE program.

Water Holes:

- We have contacted DCR and have preliminary approval to pursue a pressurized hydrant fed from Echo Lake and the hydrant will be located on Mountain Rd. This can eventually become an extended water district with pressurized water to a flow of 800 gallons per minute as tested in the summer of 2018 during a concept drill.
- We have also secured a waterhole site at a private residence on Ball Hill Road and we will also be installing two hydrants on Brook Station Road.
- **Of the 1,242 homes in Princeton. Only 239 homes are within 1000 Ft of a hydrant or waterhole.**

- Estimated cost of engineering alone, for one waterhole, due to EPA, Army Core of Engineers, and DCR requirements is \$18,000. The cost to install a waterhole is about \$10K to \$15K depending on the project.

ISO Audit:

- ISO is the National Auditing Standard for Homeowners where the protection class is used by insurance adjustors to estimate cost and coverage. We were audited in October 2017 because of the former Princeton Inn fire (May 2, 2017) and the increasing challenge Princeton has regarding waterhole maintenance and installation due to the Wachusett Watershed laws and our inability to simply install waterholes
- Princeton was previously rated at Class 6/6X from a 1980 audit. We are pleased to inform you that we are now a 5/5Y rating. You should contact your insurance provider to determine if you can get a rate reduction. The rating improvement was due to our investment in higher capacity fire pumps on our fire engines and our geo-mapping of waterholes and the fact that our two fire stations cover the majority of homes in Princeton. You must be within 5 driving miles of a fire station to qualify for the ISO 5 rating.
- You will also note that Princeton has moved from 4,650 gallons of water on wheels for NFPA certified fire trucks to 7,400 gallons of water on wheels. This is a significant increase in water supply for immediate attack on a structure fire.

THANK YOU! PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND BE SAFE! WE ARE ALMOST OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC!

2020 Animal Control Annual Report

Month	Domestic Animals	Wildlife	Livestock
January	2	2	0
February	3	2	1
March	7	1	0
April	4	5	3
May	7	6	1
June	12	8	3
July	8	5	0
August	8	5	0
September	6	2	1
October	6	2	1
November	7	2	2
December	5	3	1
Totals	75	43	13

Prepared by:

Jennifer Ford

Rutland Regional Animal Control

2020 Report of the Building Department

The following report details the activities in the calendar year 2020 for the Building Department in the Town of Princeton, Mass.

<u>Purpose or Building Permit</u>	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Est. Cost of Construction</u>
Single Family Home	9	\$3,620,896.00
Additions/Alterations	116	\$2,859,578.00
Non-Residential	7	\$1,462,757.00
Total	132	\$7,943,231.00

<u>Breakdown of Permits</u>	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Fees Collected in CY 2020</u>
Building	132	\$45,853.00
Electrical	106	\$9,375.00
Plumbing	47	\$3,875.00
Gas Piping	49	\$4,690.00
Woodstoves	10	\$400.00
Driveway	6	\$240.00
Total	350	\$64,433.00

This past year has seen a slight increase for permit applications for additions/alterations to existing homes. A total of 9 single family home permits were issued for last year. Out of those applications, 7 of the homes have been completed. It is important to note that of the of estimated non-residential construction costs, \$1,423,507.00 were for town improvements which no fees are collected. We have successfully provided services and inspections to our residents and contractors during this very challenging year. Our goal remains to assist and educate the community on new construction, non-residential builds, home improvements and zoning enforcement with prompt professionalism.

Kindly,

Frederick J. Lonardo, building commissioner

Susan Priest, administrative assistant

2020 Report of the Planning Board

The Covid-19 pandemic impacted the Planning Board in several ways. As for all boards and committees, regular meetings were mostly by remote access. The board began in January with work on an updated table of changes to the “non-conforming use” section of the zoning bylaws—proposed and crafted for approval at the May ATM but ultimately pulled off the warrant in order to keep the meeting focused on approval of the budget. The Selectboard wanted to avoid articles that might engender discussion on the floor, as the ATM was held in person with mask and social distancing protocols.

Starting in January, one issue took up several meetings. Ryan and Samantha Ingui of 149 Wheeler Road, applied for Site Plan Review for his home occupation (landscape business) as a response from several neighbors. The property is in a “Business-Industrial” zoning district. Growth of the business is what triggered a site plan. John M. suggested the first step Ryan should take is to get the surveyor to finish staking the perimeter. Next step would be to discuss with any concerned neighbors some solutions for the short-term. Third, get a firm lead on a new business site, and lastly, come back to a board meeting on Feb. 5 or 19 with a definitive survey plan.

It became an interpretation of whether the use was allowed “by right” in an industrial zone or as a home occupation (in any zone). Board members had mixed opinions about having two primary uses on a single lot—Residential and Business/Commercial. The upshot of this controversy was an opinion letter from Mr. Ingui’s attorney David Wojcik which stated, “Nowhere does the (bylaw) explicitly prohibit either two principal uses or a principal use and another use which is not an accessory use.”

Board members agreed that wording to clarify this matter would be amended in the Zoning Bylaws Section IV and V with an article at a future Town Meeting.

An “ad hoc” Housing Needs group comprised of John M. and Ann N. with Karen Cruise for the S.B., Deb Cary and a local realtor continued research on senior housing, as Princeton’s demographic tips toward over-age 60 and data from the Donahue Institute at UMass shows a rapid rise in the state’s aging population. The Central Mass. Reg. Planning Commission (CMRPC), has offered help with a grant for small towns that covers technical assistance. The board is considering potential building sites for a senior housing complex.

In the spring, the board provided documentation to the Environmental Action Committee for the town to gain Green Community status—to verify that acreage is available for “green” energy production facilities and also that the town already meets standards for “expedited permitting.”

On April 1, a public hearing was held and other actions were taken. Judy & John DeNittis were granted a Special Permit to convert a free-standing garage into an accessory apartment at their property at 247 Brooks Station Road, a grandfathered lot of 0.48 acres. Also, the board approved a Site Plan for Ryan and Samantha Ingui of 149 Wheeler Road that included conditions for foliage screening at lot boundaries and hours of operation, among other details. In addition, the group approved an “Amendment to Site Plan at 194 Worcester Road (dated) April 4, 2019” -- Michael Watkins of Monti’s Farm & Deli had requested a site plan amendment to add an existing window for take-out ice cream sales. There were no material or physical changes to either interior or exterior of the site.

In May, the board endorsed an ANR plan to re-configure the houselot at 41 Prospect Street of 2+ acres and merge the back portion of almost seven acres with the property at 30 Mountain Road. They also endorsed a plan from Roger Brooks that created lots 1, 2 & 3 from Parcel 63 on Map 15. Each new lot is just over 2 acres with the remaining parcel 37+ acres—all have min. 225’ frontage on Old Mill Road starting at the corner of Ball Hill.

The board supplied a letter of support to the Open Space Committee for the 2020 Open Space Plan update. This is required if the town were to apply for a state LAND grant or PARC grant to purchase or develop land or recreational sites.

In July, the board approved a Home Occupation Special Permit & Site Plan for 71 Gates Road submitted by Lauren and Steve Stimson. The farmstead and nursery operation currently at 71 Gates Road will expand and integrate their landscape architecture business with construction of a new studio/barn.

The Normandin Group bought the house and lot at 19 Matthews Lane which was just over six acres. In September the board signed an ANR that divides two 2-acre lots off the rear of that lot; each having over 225’ of frontage on Sam Cobb Lane. In October Gary Griffin was in with an ANR plan for a single building lot cut out of his 18 acre parcel on Old Colony Road.

Through the fall, Ann N. worked on a housing needs survey with some help from CMRPC which was finalized and inserted in the town census mailing at the beginning of 2021.

In November, the board held a joint public hearing with the ZBA to consider a request from John Bomba for Harrington Farm which is located in a Residential/Agricultural zoning district. His inn/restaurant/function facility had acquired several Special Permits from the ZBA from 1987 to 1997 to allow expansions of his non-conforming uses. At the hearing, ZBA members approved an amendment to each permit which deletes a condition that limits use of the four permits to applicant John Bomba. Mr. Bomba also sought to delete the similar “Condition #10” from the Planning Board’s Special Permit Site Plan Approval dated April 25, 1997 and the Planning Board, with Chair John Mirick recusing himself, voted to allow the amendment.

On December 2, the board issued two Special Permits for use of pre-existing accessory apartments, located at 72 Beaman Road and 105 Merriam Road. At its final meeting of 2020 on Dec. 16 the board endorsed an ANR plan for Bob Peura at 80 Calamint Hill Road South who is purchasing land from his abutter to increase his house lot from over two acres to over six acres. They also had a preliminary meeting with the representatives from Red Cardinal LLC, which is renovating and re-purposing Mechanics Hall into a retail cannabis operation.

Residents are encouraged to attend meetings—being held remotely through early 2021--and participate in all planning issues. The Planning Board generally meets on first and third Wednesdays (as of January 2021) at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex. Meeting times and agendas are posted online.

Respectfully submitted:

John Mirick, chair; Tom Sullivan, vice chair; Ann Neuburg, clerk; Russell “Rud” Mason

Ian Catlow, representative for Cent. Mass. Reg. Planning Commission

Alternate members: Corey Burnham-Howard and Lisa Drexhage

2020 Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Princeton Zoning Board of Appeals received only one petition in 2020—from Harrington Farm at 178 Westminster Road.

This petition was addressed at a joint public hearing with the Planning Board held on Wednesday, November 18 to consider an amendment to remove a condition from several ZBA special permits and a site plan from the Planning Board. Harrington Farm owner John Bomba and his attorney Brian Falk outlined how the property was purchased in 1989 with a pre-existing, non-conforming use in a Residential-Agricultural zoning district. Subsequent Special Permits were issued to allow expansions and modifications to the inn operation, restaurant and wedding venue. These Special Permits from the ZBA and a Site Plan from the Planning Board included a condition limiting the permit to the applicant, John Bomba. Mr. Falk pointed out that this condition has impeded attempts to secure financing for Mr. Bomba. He noted that the entire operation would be non-compliant and have to shut down if Mr. Bomba were suddenly absent—an untenable position given that events are scheduled months ahead of time

He also pointed out that removing this condition would not impact the town’s oversight, since any modification or expansion of the business or property would still require a Special Permit and Site Plan Review—regardless of ownership.

Board members voted to approve an amendment to four Special Permits as recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds dated March 9, 1987; October 5, 1993; December 20, 1994, and March 4, 1997 removing Condition (a) which stated that each of these special permits was limited solely to the applicant John Bomba.

The Planning Board later voted in a separate action to approve the same amendment to a Special Permit Site Plan Approval dated April 25, 1997.

The board extends thanks to previous chairman Christopher Walton, Esq., as he stepped down from his service on the board last year. The group also welcomes new member Bill Lawton.

Public Hearings are scheduled as needed and are posted at the Town Hall and on the website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Weeks, Esq., chair

Members: Lar Greene, Jr., William Lawton & alternate Edith Morgan

2020 Annual Report

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission began 2020 with six (6) appointed voting members. The membership briefly dipped to four (4) members with the resignations of Ron Thompson and John Vieira at the end of June, both having given eleven (11) years of service to the Town. Two new residents were appointed during the summer (Bonnie Hirsh and Victoria Taft). The Commission currently has no associate members. Despite attempts to reach out for new members, no additional residents came forward in 2020 to express interest in filling the vacated 7th position. Brian Keevan remained as Chair for the entire year, with the remaining members in 2020 being John Vieira (retired), Ron Thompson (retired), Susan Mitchell, Rachael Catlow, Bonnie Hirsh (newly appointed), Victoria Taft (newly appointed), and Barbara Laughlin. Clerical work is assigned to Marie Auger.

The Commission is tasked with promoting the conservation of natural resources, and with the care and control of conservation lands owned by the Town. The Commission also enforces the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. 131 § 40) (WPA) and its implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00) on behalf of the Town. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month unless circumstances dictate an alternate time or additional meetings. During 2020 the Commission met monthly plus as needed and acted on the following items:

Regulatory Activities

Four (4) new Notices of Intent (NOI, formal filings under the WPA for projects within jurisdictional areas) were received in 2020, three (3) of which were approved with varying degrees of restriction issued in Orders of Conditions compliant with the WPA. The Commission also issued one (1) Order of Conditions for a NOI filed in 2019, one (1) amended Order of Conditions for an Order issued prior to 2020, and issued one (1) 3-year extension to an existing Order of Conditions.

The Commission issued Determinations for six (6) Requests for Determination of Applicability (a filing whereby the Commission determines if a project or activity is subject to the jurisdiction of the WPA and further review). Determinations of Applicability issued by the Commission may also carry conditions to protect the wetland resources in question.

The Commission issued seven (7) Certificates of Compliance (which indicate that a project was completed in accordance with its Order of Conditions).

The Commission did not receive any new Forest Cutting Plans in 2020. The Commission reviews such plans as required by the Forest Cutting Practices Act and regulations. One previously issued Cutting Plan received an extension from DCR.

The Commission issued one (1) Enforcement Order in 2020 for work done in WPA jurisdictional areas without a permit.

Calamint Hill Conservation Area

The Open Space Committee and especially Rick Gardner with the Trail Stewards Group have worked to install trails on the CHCA. As of the close of 2020, all proposed trails have been constructed, consisting of two loops (East and West) with two access points on Calamint Hill Road and two scenic viewpoints cleared adjacent to the beaver pond with benches constructed by Phil O'Brien and installed. Final stream crossing bridge designs were approved in 2020 and construction occurred over the summer. The Commission voted in April to spend \$1,520 from the Land Maintenance revolving account for bridge materials, and voted in September to spend up to \$850 for a new trail map kiosk, which was installed later in the fall.

Tom Sullivan of the Princeton Land Trust conducted a Conservation Restriction monitoring survey of the portions of the property under restriction by DCR and the City of Worcester. This was done in November, and PCC members Rachael Catlow and Victoria Taft accompanied him.

Town Hayfields/Four Corners

The Stimson family conducted agricultural activities under the new lease during 2020. The lease will be in effect from January 2020 until December 31, 2039, with annual payments of \$1,350. The terms allow the Commission to cancel the lease after 10 years with written notification.

Other Activities

The Commission responded to numerous general inquiries for information regarding the WPA, permitting requirements and reports of possible non-approved activities in or near wetland resource areas. Access trail work was done by the Historical Commission at the Town Pound during 2020, following up on the tree and brush clearing activities of 2018. The Commission utilized funds received from wetlands filing fees to purchase a new Dell laptop computer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Keegan, chair

Princeton Conservation Commission

2020 Environmental Action Committee Annual Report

The Environmental Action Committee (EAC) was formed in September, 2017. Its overall mission is to implement the Town's Environmental Action Plan (EAP), and to serve as a resource for town residents regarding environmental issues.

In February 2020, the EAC released its "Final Environmental Action Plan" and shared the EAP with all town residents through Town News, a link on the EAC webpage, and provision of hard copies offered at various public buildings in town.

EAP Priorities:

Priority 1: Green Community Designation

Working with the town administrator, Selectboard, Advisory Committee, Planning Board, Princeton Board of Light Commissioners and Princeton Municipal Light Department Manager (PMLD), Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), and the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), the EAC coordinated the completion and filing of the Town of Princeton's Green Community Designation Application in December 2020.

EAC coordination of the Green Community Designation Application required EAC efforts to ensure the town achieved each of the five Green Community Designation-required criteria. Working and coordinating with the town administrator, PMLD, CMRPC and state agencies, several EAC efforts included:

- Meeting with the Planning Board to explain the Green Community Designation criteria of (1) as-of-right siting for renewable or alternative energy facilities and (2) expedited permitting for as-of-right energy facilities. The Planning Board determined that the current Princeton Zoning Bylaws met those criteria.
- Working to establish an energy use baseline inventory for the Town. This involved identifying municipal buildings to be audited and obtaining funding for energy audits, including EAC presentation on the funding request at Annual Town Meeting in June .
- Working to draft an Energy Use Reduction Plan (ERP) to reduce the town's baseline energy use by 20% after 5 years of implementation and presenting the ERP (as well as a related Anti-Idling Policy) to the Selectboard for their approval.
- Crafting a Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Policy to present to the Selectboard for adoption
- Achieved town adoption of the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards Stretch Energy Code (the Stretch Energy Code). This included EAC drafting of a new bylaw, hosting public information sessions on the Stretch Energy Code, information sharing to town residents via various media, and presenting on the Stretch Energy Code Warrant Article at Town Meeting.

Priority 2: Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)

The EAC worked with our contractor, the CMRPC, and a core team of 10 town residents and employees to put together a Community Resilience-Building Workshop. The purpose of this

workshop was to use the local knowledge of approximately 30 town employees, residents and state officials to identify and prioritize environmental, infrastructural, and societal areas or aspects of the town that could be adversely affected by increasingly severe impacts of climate change. A three-stage virtual workshop was conducted under the guidance of CMRPC on October 22, 29, and November 5. CMRPC compiled the workshop findings and asked workshop participants to rank the areas of vulnerability via online survey.

Participants identified the top Environmental hazards facing the town by 2050 as: flooding, drought, high winds and extreme temperatures. Major infrastructural vulnerabilities include: single source of electric power coming into town, inadequate dams, culverts, and bridges, lack of a public water supply, private wells at risk of runoff contamination, inaccessibility of existing fire ponds, invasive species overrunning forested areas, increasing risks of wildfires. Some societal vulnerabilities identified were: lack of emergency shelter space for residents and lack of reliable communication access to all residents. A final report by CMRPC is forthcoming.

Priority 4: Waste & Recycling

The Selectboard formed a temporary Waste & Recycling Committee in February, but because of the pandemic the committee's first meeting was September 16. Committee members are: Claire Golding, chair; Marsha Paine, vice-chair; Shauna Knuth, secretary; Richy Bisk (Selectboard representative); Terri Longtine (Board of Health representative); Helga Lyons (Advisory Committee representative); and Sherry Patch (town administrator). Marsha Paine resigned from the committee due to health issues in November.

Working with Central Mass Municipal Assistance Coordinator Irene Congdon, the committee discussed state-grant-funded waste options such as Pay-As-You-Throw and Save Money and Reduce Trash (SMART); began work on an implementation plan for establishing a single preferred hauler in Princeton; interviewed four local haulers—Waste Management, Shaw's, Casella, and United Materials Management and prepared a survey of residents' trash capacity needs for release with the Town Census.

Priority 5: Community Outreach

The EAC provided community outreach through the following actions: launched a monthly newsletter, "The Green News," in June, available through the town website and residents can subscribe to get notified of new issues; the Town website updated with the EAC's activities; applied in December for a Princeton Cultural Council grant to present a quarterly speaker series on environmental topics; provided several articles to the Council on Aging newsletter early in the year and printed/distributed ten additional copies of the Environmental Action Plan in December.

Earth Month Cleanup

Several EAC members served on the Princeton Earth Month Cleanup Committee which organized over 100 Princeton volunteers who helped in the cleanup of trash along all of Princeton's 73 road miles; trimming, stick and trash removal on several trails in town; and the cleanup of all town parks--during the months of March and April. All EAC members participated in cleanup of the grounds and fields of Thomas Prince School.

New EAC Member

Charlie Cary applied and was appointed by the Selectboard as a member of the EAC on November 3, 2020. Charlie brings with him interest in and experience with using available wood as a resource.

Sponsorship of WPI Student Research Team

At its September 30 meeting the EAC voted to sponsor a WPI team to investigate the feasibility of using available wood as fuel. Charlie Cary and Phil Gott are EAC liaisons on the project.

Board and Committee Interactions

EAC members attended meetings of and/or established lines of communication with the Advisory Committee, Planning Board, Building Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, Roads Advisory Committee, Open Space Committee, and Princeton Municipal Light Department. In February 2020, EAC member(s) participated in the Open Space Committee's Open Space and Recreation Plan Workshop.

Fitchburg-Westminster Landfill

In November, 2020 the EAC responded to a request by the Princeton Selectboard that the EAC compose a letter for the town regarding the proposed expansion of the Fitchburg-Westminster Landfill. The EAC provided a letter to the Selectboard, outlining potential environmental, public health, and infrastructure concerns related to the proposed landfill expansion. The EAC letter advocated for utilization of alternative technologies for solid waste disposal and increased efforts for waste reduction, composting, reuse, and recycling.

Snow and Ice Policy

In December 2020, the EAC offered to the Selectboard and Town Administrator EAC comment and assistance on the Town's Draft Snow and Ice Policy.

The Committee would like to thank the Princeton Selectboard and Sherry Patch, Town Administrator, for their support and advice as we continued our work. We'd also like to thank former Town Clerks Lynne Grettum and Ginger Toll, and current Town Clerk Nathan Boudreau for their assistance. Thanks also to the residents of Princeton for their continued interest and inquiries on environmental issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Golding (chair)

Corey Burnham-Howard (vice-chair)

Phoebe Moore, Phil Gott, Chris Samoiloff, Charlie Cary

Open Space Committee 2020 Annual Report

The Open Space Committee consists of Rick Gardner, chair, Kelton Burbank, Deb Cary, Susan Downing (alternate), Cary Leblanc and Karen Rossow. This year was a very active one with two major projects accomplished.

First, the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update 2020 was completed and approved by the state this past summer. It makes Princeton eligible for grant opportunities relating to open space and/or recreation for the coming seven years. This is the guide we use to determine our committee's future goals. As stated in the previous Annual Report, a survey we used to gauge what residents prioritize was conducted and carefully reviewed as we wrote the document. These responses are our guide. A copy of the plan, along with information on trails in Princeton, can be found on the town website, Open Space Committee page.

Second, the trail system in the Calamint Hill Conservation Area is nearly finished with all trails, bridges and signage addressed. We are grateful for the funding of two small bridges over water crossings by the Conservation Commission, as our budget would not cover (pun) those. The parking area accommodates about eight to ten vehicles and the signage there is excellent. Our OS&RP Update survey revealed more activity on these trails than we expected and we are encouraged by that. Thanks to Phil O'Brien for building and donating several benches and a kiosk on this land and to Christian Henderson as well as our trail steward volunteers.

In other endeavors, last April marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. The Open Space Committee co-sponsored a highly successful first annual town-wide clean-up of roads, trails and parks with the Environmental Action Committee. We had tremendous participation by many residents eager to get outside and be useful during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic. The volume of roadside trash was substantial so we expect to do this annually.

In September our Trail Vision and Action Plan got underway. Its purpose is to identify important trails, paths, roads and sidewalks to improve or develop. It addresses ongoing trail management, signage, and documentation. We are also working on connections between areas in town. A survey was sent out to residents on this specific topic and there is an active team assembled.

One spot that we have begun focusing on is little Goodnow Park behind the Town Hall Annex. The frisbee golf use has been abandoned and we have begun clearing of the trails there. We expect to add a few benches and perhaps a picnic table and think it would be a family-friendly location for treasure hunts and story walks, particularly due to its proximity to the library and the common.

We have adapted the popular *Princeton Hikes!* program to meet safe protocols during the pandemic, which has been a fluid process. We are fortunate to have trails the general public isn't aware of, offering solace and safety from crowds.

Respectfully submitted,

The Princeton Open Space Committee

Princeton Municipal Light Department

2020 Annual Town Report

The Princeton Municipal Light Department (PMLD) is a non-profit public service corporation, whose primary goal is to provide reliable and cost-effective electric service to the residents and businesses of the Town of Princeton, MA. PMLD has operated in Princeton since 1912. PMLD is a town asset, working as a separate governmental unit under the regulations and oversight of the state Department of Public Utilities, with its own elected 3-member Board of Light Commissioners, policies, and budget serving the needs and providing value to our ratepayers.

Delivering and maintaining reliable energy to every customer in Princeton is one of PMLD's main goals. PMLD completed many upgrade projects to the electric distribution system, such as new utility poles, wires, and hardware; and the continued conversion of our main distribution lines from 4800 volts to 13800 volts. The total number of town wide outages on the PMLD distribution side of the Town Meter was one (1) in 2020 due to a car accident on Mountain Road. PMLD will continue to rebuild and strengthen the distribution system with new equipment and a comprehensive tree trimming program that has proven successful. On and those rare occasions that the lights go out, we are committed to as quick a response and restoration of the electric service as possible.

PMLD provided service to 1,385 (approximately 85% of total energy use) residential, 12 solar residential, 7 farm, 75 commercial, 2 commercial solar, and 23 municipal customers as of December 2020 (total count = 1,504). All PMLD customers consumed just under 15 million kWh of energy in 2020, and the average home consumes approximately 750 kWh per month.

The average home in Princeton spends approximately \$180.00 per month on electricity. PMLD's number one priority is to maintain the lowest possible rates, while providing the most reliable electric service possible. PMLD's rates are based on a formal rate study performed by an outside organization and rates are currently lower than what they've recommended. In 2008 before the wind turbines were in place our rate was \$0.1923 per kilowatt hour. The current residential retail rate is \$0.2475, of which \$0.05 per kilowatt hour is allocated to pay for the windfarm debt, maintenance and operation. As of October 2017 electric bills have included this breakdown of information. The electric rates did not change in 2020 as we work diligently to keep the rates as low as possible. PMLD has a long-term energy purchase contract (through 2027) with NextEra Energy which enabled management to keep to a set budget and anticipate expenses without risk of what the volatile open market pricing could bring. PMLD ended the year on budget.

PMLD, in conjunction with the town tree warden, has in place a Vegetation Management Plan for the town. The plan clearly divides the town into five tree trimming cycles--identified on any given year as the area of focused tree trimming and tree removal. It is our desire that this organized method will allow the residents of Princeton to know where PMLD is trimming. An

outside contractor, All Reliable Services, will perform vegetation management services on cycle 1 in 2020. PMLD was very pleased with their level of work and professionalism.

Princeton residents may take advantage of energy conservation incentives: rebates for wi-fi thermostats and new energy efficient appliances, free in-home energy audits; rebates from the Cool Homes Program for installation of new energy efficient central AC, mini-duct systems and rebates from the Home Efficiency Incentive Program for insulation, duct sealing and energy efficient heating system replacement. In 2020 a total of 15 audits were conducted, 15 rebates were awarded through the Cool Homes Program, 4 rebates were awarded through the Home Efficiency Incentive Program, 1 Wi-Fi thermostat rebate, 16 appliance rebates and 2 customers took advantage of rebates through HELPS and PMLD for heat pumps. PMLD contributed a total of \$12,167.57 towards homeowner's energy efficiency efforts in 2020.

Brian Allen gave notice in May 2020 of leaving PMLD. He was replaced by Sean McKeon who started on November 16, 2020. The interim GM from July to November was Gary Harrington. We are grateful for Gary's hard work and professionalism during this transition period.

The Princeton Wind Farm operated at a 16% capacity factor in 2020 producing 4,100 MWh's of energy. Baldwin Energy of Winchester, Mass., has maintained and repaired the turbines since August of 2019. PMLD sells wind energy to the Sterling Municipal Light Department and the West Boylston Municipal Light Plant; and is actively pursuing additional wind energy sales contracts with other tax-exempt entities.

PMLD launched a new Facebook Page in November. The page is used to communicate power outage information during major outage situations, keeps the rate payers up to date on HELPS rebate information, and any projects of interest we are working on.

In addition to providing the lowest cost possible and reliable energy, PMLD performed other services for the town and for our customers in 2020, such as:

- PMLD installed U.S. flags, banners and signs for Memorial Day, Flag Day, and 4th of July.
- PMLD is the distribution location for the volunteer Welcome Committee who present to all new residents a "Welcome to Beautiful Princeton" canvas tote bag with small gifts, coupons and information, from organizations, places of interest and businesses in and around town.
- PMLD distributed to residents PMLD promotional reusable items - shopping bags, LED night lights & flashlights, water bottles, and "who to call" magnets at various community events.
- PMLD staff assisted various town departments with the use of a bucket truck, tree removals, building repairs, and technical assistance as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean McKeon, general manager

Road Advisory Committee Report for 2020

During 2020, continued progress was made on maintaining the town's road network. Two large projects were completed. These were the reconstruction of Route 140 in East Princeton and the bridge on East Princeton Road just behind the old highway barn.

Engineering endeavors consisted of developing plans for the repaving of Leominster Road and the replacement of three culverts on Coal Kiln Road. Both of these plans were substantially completed by the end of the year in anticipation of putting the construction phase out to bid in early 2021.

Based on input from Ben Metcalf, the Highway Superintendent, the town agreed also to join with the Town of Sterling on the repaving of Route 140. The section that Princeton would be responsible for is about fourteen hundred (1,400) feet long. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in the summer of 2021.

The Road Advisory Committee would like to recognize and thank Representative James McGovern, state Senator Harriette Chandler and state Representative Kim Ferguson for the ongoing long-term support of the town's road program. Their support has been instrumental in the town receiving federal and state funding for many projects.

For providing funds for the maintenance and reconstruction of the town roads, the Road Advisory Committee would also like to thank the Advisory Committee, Select Board and, above all, the citizens of Princeton.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Holder, chair

Kevin Toohey

Ann Neuburg

Terry Thompson

Matt Granger

Highway Superintendent Ben Metcalf

2020 Report of the Highway Department

The Princeton Highway Department has had a busy year--like many previous years. Covid-19 tried to slow us down but we overcame it. We are essential and the roads need our attention no matter what is going on in the world. We stayed safe and healthy and took precautionary measures to ensure the department would stay that way.

The two culverts on East Princeton Road were completed on time and in great fashion. This summer was extremely dry which gave these two culverts a perfect construction season. Kenefick Corp. out of Quincy constructed the culvert at Mirick Road and East Princeton Road intersection in five weeks. It was a small culvert expanding almost 18 feet. The culvert closer to the Highway Department had quite a bit more work involved and was much larger, expanding 30 feet which falls under the "bridge" category according to the state. This culvert took three to four months from start to finish. A.J. Virgilio was the contractor and the crew was very professional.

The Route 140 East Princeton Village Project was also completed this year. There is a small punch list of repairs and finishing touches which the contractor, J.H. Lynch, will have to complete before the state and town sign off on the project. The East Princeton Village has had a lot of changes in the last 18 months and looks fantastic.

The Hwy. Dept. has put a few new projects out to bid this year. Lazaro Paving Corp. was awarded the Leominster Road project. This will include a full depth reclamation and resurfacing and some drainage improvements. We will be working with the Town of Sterling on Redemption Rock Trail South which will be milled and repaved also, with some drainage improvements. Coal Kiln Road Drainage Improvements will be going out to bid soon as well. There are three culverts that need repair and some sub-drains along a short section of road will be completed this summer. We hope to resurface this road the following year along with Forslund Road.

The Highway Department's routine maintenance consisted of shoulder, ditch and catch basin cleaning, snow and ice removal, gravel road grading, street sweeping, line painting, pothole patching, culvert and catch basin repairs, brush chipping, roadside mowing and maintenance of all parks, athletic fields, playgrounds and the town common.

I would like to commend the entire department for the excellent snow and ice services they provided the town during the winter season. Many long hours were worked nights, weekends and holidays to ensure safe travel for all motorists.

I would also like to thank the town administrator, Selectboard, the Road Advisory Committee members, all the town employees and residents for their input and assistance in making this difficult year a little more pleasurable and productive.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin D. Metcalf, highway superintendent

2020 Cemetery Commission Annual Report

The Cemeteries opened in late April. There was some winter damage but the cemeteries were mowed, cleaned up and ready for all scheduled burials. The Commission would like to thank Highway Supt. Ben Metcalf and his staff for assistance with the spring cleanup of Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial Day services were not held this year due to the pandemic, but all cemeteries were prepared for the day; flowers were planted and flags installed at each veteran's grave.

Bill Bergstrom, our Cemetery Superintendent, resigned in August. The Cemetery Commission would like to thank him for his good work overseeing cemetery operations. In October we welcomed former superintendent Andy Brown in the position -- his previous experience allowed him to come up to speed quickly.

Commission member Charles Steele resigned at the end of his term in June. We thank him for all the work he did as both a member and chairman. The Commission also welcomed new member Amy Holwell in November which brought the Commission to full membership.

The Commission entered into a new three-year contract for mowing and trimming work with Einstein Solutions of Fitchburg beginning July 1, 2020. In addition to seven cemeteries Einstein is also responsible for the lawn areas surrounding the Town Hall and Goodnow Memorial Library. The superintendent and the Commission are very pleased with their performance.

Lot Sales: 6 Full Lots, 1 Cremation lot. Burials: 6 Full, 7 Cremations. Ongoing projects include:

- The Cemetery Commission began a discussion with the Highway Department about the possibility of transferring maintenance of the cemeteries to Highway. For the past three years some of the maintenance has been outsourced, but the Commission has favored bringing the work back in house if possible. In August of this year The Highway Department did assume responsibility for grave opening and closings for cremation burials, and the Commission is very happy with this arrangement. Plans for including full burials is in progress.
- Cemetery Database replacement- Research began into possible software programs to replace the current in-house designed Access Database which contains all cemetery records. The current program is difficult to maintain, and the Commission would like to purchase a vendor product that will be supported and give us more flexibility.
- Green Burials – Research continued. Superintendent Bergstrom contacted a Cemetery in West Roxbury that offers this type of burial for information on the process. No decision has been made at this time to offer this service.

The Commission would like to recognize resident Charles Albrecht for maintaining Parker I Cemetery on Beaman Rd. He has been providing the maintenance for this cemetery since 2015 and does an excellent job.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery commissioners:

Lynne Grettum, chair, Lou Trostel, Paul Constantino, Greg Miranda, Amy Holwell

Waste & Recycling Committee Annual Report 2020

The Waste & Recycling Committee (WRC) was formed as a temporary committee in February, 2020 and due to the pandemic did not begin meeting regularly until September, 2020. Its overall mission is to investigate options for a preferred hauler program with a fixed annual cost that will save residents money and encourage waste reduction.

Working with Central Mass Municipal Assistance Coordinator Irene Congdon, the committee:

- evaluated and discussed state-grant-funded waste options such as Pay-As-You-Throw and Save Money and Reduce Trash (SMART)
- began work on a Draft Implementation Plan for establishing a single preferred hauler in Princeton
- interviewed four local haulers—Waste Management, Shaw’s, Casella, and United Materials Management—about current practices and level of interest in acting as a preferred hauler in Princeton
- prepared a survey of residents’ trash capacity needs for release with the Town Census.

Marsha Paine resigned from the committee due to health concerns in November.

The Committee would like to thank Sherry Patch, Town Administrator, for her support and advice. We’d also like to thank former Town Clerk Lynne Grettum and current Town Clerk Nathan Boudreau for their gracious assistance. Thanks also to the residents of Princeton for their continued interest and involvement in the work of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Golding (chair),

Shaunna Knuth (secretary)

Richard Bisk

Terri Longtine

Helga Lyons

Sherry Patch

Wachusett Earthday, Inc. 2020 Annual Report to Towns

Wachusett Earthday Inc. (WEI) is a seven-town collaborative effort founded to provide local and environmentally responsible solutions to the disposal of difficult items and hazardous substances and materials. WEI operates the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston on property owned by the DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation). The site is partially funded by contributions from the seven towns of Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston as well as being supported by the MA Department of Environmental Protection. In addition to the disposal of difficult materials, WEI provides a venue for sharing gently used but still serviceable household items. All work is performed by an energetic and dedicated group of volunteers from both member and several surrounding towns, under the able guidance of one paid staff member.

This year proved as challenging for us as for the rest of the world once the ravages caused by the Covid-19 pandemic set in. The site closed on March 13th and remained so until early June when, after much research & discussion, it was determined that we could begin to operate the outside portions of the facility. By the third week of June, we allowed the drop-off of goods for the building – with limitations; and after July 4th, we made the decision to reopen the building with severely limited numbers of visitors and staff at any one time as well as shortened hours. Open hours had to be adjusted to accommodate the requisite spacing and social distancing needed by our volunteers and visitors. The site is now open every Tuesday morning, every Thursday afternoon and mornings on the first and third Saturday of every month with spacing and reduced numbers.

Due to the pandemic, totals for everything during 2020 were less than in previous years:

Total collections: 2019 – 146 2020 – 110

Total vehicles: 2019 – 31,521 2020 – 23,150

Having been closed completely for three and a half months and, upon reopening, having to drop one of our formerly open days, meant a reduction in total open hours. In order to make up for the lost hours, we have now opened the center on both the first AND third Saturday of each month.

Along with the reopening of the site for drop-off of household goods, we have initiated a new procedure for capturing the volume of material that goes in and out of the building. We now have data for the six months from July to December, and on average, the building receives more than a ton of donated materials every day it is open. While we have begun tracking the debris that goes into the dumpsters (in order to get a better idea of how much gets reused with visitors), we are still at the beginning stages of this research.

Due to changes in the requirements for hazardous waste haulers and the consolidation of others, we held only one Hazardous Products collection day in 2020; we have planned two for the upcoming year. Three shredding events were planned during 2020, and one had to be cancelled on account of weather. Three shredding events are planned for 2021.

Wachusett Earthday continues its partnerships with multiple local social service and charitable organizations. We have increased our outreach to teachers, and welcome them from any central Massachusetts town to our facility during special evening hours.

We will be continuing our efforts to educate the public using these eight guideposts to encourage less impactful living: rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, refurbish, repair, repurpose, and recycle. We hope to encourage people to make wiser choices when making purchases or disposing of waste and utilizing our natural and manufactured resources. Our earth depends upon our good use and partnership!

In 2021, holiday closings will be July 3, September 4, November 25 & December 23.

2020 Members of the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center Town Representatives:

- Boylston: April Steward/ Alison Mack
- Holden: Pam Harding/ Wendy Brouillette
- Paxton: Carol Riches/ Sheryl Lombardi
- Princeton: Art Allen
- Rutland: Michael Nicholson/ Erin Caton
- Sterling: Ross Perry/ Paul Lyons
- West Boylston: Nancy Lucier
- WEI: Norma Chanis/ Susan Farr/ Mark Koslowske
- DCR: John Scannell

2020 Board of Directors:

Connie Burr, Norma Chanis (clerk), William Cronin, Susan Farr (vice president), Morgen Frye, Michael Kacprzicki (treasurer), Ronaldo Lu, Patt Popple, Helen Townsend (president)

Mark Koslowske, operations manager

Retired board members in 2020: Vanya Seiss

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Townsend

2020 Information Technology Coordinator Annual Town Report

2020 was another busy year for IT and has been much more stable than prior years. This gives us the opportunity to focus on new projects that will improve productivity between the town employees and residents of Princeton.

The Dell file server in the town hall that replaced the old one in 2019 is currently running very well and with the active directory and all tied to and synchronized to Microsoft 365 has made the whole system much easier to maintain and more dependable and consistent since everyone is running the same software.

The Sophos firewall is giving us a more secure network. The Sophos Endpoint Protection (like Norton Anti-Virus or McAfee Anti-Virus) on each computer for additional protection.

Our backup system has been running very well also. We currently have five USB drives rotated weekly doing a full backup every week and incremental backups daily. Four of the drives are currently kept off site for security. I have done a couple restores just to make sure everything is working the way it is supposed to and they have been successful. We are going to be looking for a newer backup solution this year to put the backup in the “cloud”.

All license keys for Windows and other software have been inventoried and put on a spreadsheet. This is much easier than going through the cabinets looking for things. It is all organized now by application. Also, an asset IT spreadsheet has been created so we know what equipment we have and can track replacement times easier. The asset inventory also has versions of software, where applicable, so I can keep everything up to date. Periodically all hardware updates are done and checked to make sure they are done, if automatic. Currently we are in good shape for relatively new hardware.

Whenever anyone has a computer or printer problem, I address it as soon as possible, even if it requires coming in off hours or fixing remotely. There are usually a few issues when I am in the office to resolve. The maintenance this year has gone down with the new computers and server.

Also, currently working with the town IT Strategic Committee, which is taking a stronger role in the IT of the town. This is a big asset for us to be able to talk to other IT Professionals for ideas and to bounce ideas off. Security continues to be one of the things we are looking very closely at. Security is an on-going task for every organization today. The committee consists of several volunteer town residents that are in the IT Profession as a career.

This year we did have to relocate the server, firewall, CVR (Voting Registration) computer, and all computers to the temporary town hall at Post Office Place. Since the COA (Council On

Aging) is also located in Post Office Place and had Spectrum for Internet access, we “piggy backed” off their Spectrum Internet for the time we were there while the town hall was renovated, rather than getting a separate Spectrum Internet connection for only a few months. We had a local vendor, Trailside Communications in Worcester, come in to help us reconfigure the Sophos Firewall to work at the new location. Trailside Communications has been very helpful for us in helping get the Sophos firewall, Microsoft 365, etc., and if we run into technical issues that we need a little outside help on.

Spectrum has installed fiber high speed internet to all locations now, including the newly renovated town hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Library, and Highway Department. This has been working very well and less expensive and faster than the prior Internet that we had.

With the advent of Covid and everything being “locked down”, we now have a new solution for remote working that all town hall employees have access to. It has been really working well for everyone to log into their work computer and if there is a problem, I can remotely log into anyone’s computer, which also really helps me in doing hardware and software updates.

Another project that will be happening this year is a new VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) phone system. This will be a huge improvement over the current system.

Respectively Submitted,

Peter Cummings

Town of Princeton, IT coordinator

Report of the Board of Health 2020

Solid Waste Disposal – Residential trash and solid waste continued to be collected by licensed contractors and may be disposed of at the Wheelabrator Resource Recovery Facility in Millbury.

Sewage Disposal Systems – The board continues to monitor and ensure that any Title V inspections and newly installed systems meet the criteria set forth in the MA Title V regulations. The BOH inspector witnessed 54 Title V inspections in 2020.

Food Establishments – 2020 brought many unforeseen challenges due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Many of our establishments have had to close and reopen or continue to be closed for months. Some have provided curbside pickup and moved to outside dining as well. Jim Hillis inspects all establishments licensed to provide food to the public, including school lunch services, and investigates any complaint filed against such provider. There are currently a total of twenty nine (29) establishments, residential kitchens and farmers market participants in town. We appreciate Mr. Hillis' time and expertise that it takes to accomplish this task.

Mercury Recovery Program – The department continues to participate in the recycling of products containing mercury such as thermostats, mercury switches, thermometers and button cell batteries (found in watches, cameras, calculators and hearing aids). We also accept fluorescent bulbs such as straight, u-shaped, round and compact lamps for recycling. You may also drop off your rechargeable batteries and old cell phone batteries.

Montachusett Public Health Network – The Montachusett Public Health Network [MPHN] is a public health district created under the Massachusetts Department of Public Health District Incentive Grant Initiative. It is a collaboration of the following eleven community boards of health: Athol, Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Leominster, Phillipston, Princeton, Royalston, Sterling, Templeton, and Westminster. The MPHN pursues its goal of raising the health status of the residents of these communities to the highest levels anywhere in the country. The MPHN has continued to be a leader in addressing disposal of unwanted and expired medication, sharps disposal, Opioid Abuse Prevention, and other health promotion and prevention initiatives. Through our participation with the MPHN, we are able to share services and programs between its member towns with our residents. This collaboration has been invaluable during this pandemic. Through the MPHN, many of our neighboring cities and towns are prepared to vaccinate our resident populations when the vaccine becomes available.

The Board of Health is tasked with ensuring that all protocols and guidance set forth by the commonwealth are adhered to. This includes coordinating clinic sites for vaccinations for our resident population. The board also oversees workplace practices and retail occupant capacities. We are in constant contact with the Mass. DPH for the latest updates and information relating to the COVID 19 pandemic. The board would like to thank the many people involved to help support this effort.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory Dowdy, chair

James Hillis

Lar Greene

Dianna Gubber-Markley RN

Council on Aging 2020 Annual Report

The Princeton Council on Aging has had a year of change and transition. After a successful move to new space at 206 Worcester Road in April 2019, programming was enjoyed by many seniors until March 2020, when activities were suspended due to CoVid-19. For all of us, across all sectors, the pandemic both interrupted and redirected many of our efforts over the past year.

In July, the COA's seven-member board welcomed two new members, Bill Lindquist and Donna Mackenzie and two new advisors/alternates, Frances Thomas and Jane Giumette. In October, Aimee Kindsdorf resigned as director, and in late November, Judith Webster assumed the directorship. Nickole Boardman, administrative/program assistant, worked an additional two hours per week during the fall and transition period and will continue to do so formally going forward. COA staff is currently onsite three days each week, Tuesday-Thursday, with additional remote coverage on Mondays and Fridays. Dedicated support from the board and senior tax work-off employees has made it possible for the COA to initiate and sustain new programs like the twice monthly Grab & Go meals that are distributed on Fridays.

In addition to funding from the Town of Princeton, the Council on Aging receives population-based grant funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs via its "Formulary Grant" to support programming, activities and services for seniors. In FY20 and FY21, this figure remained at \$12 per senior household, or approximately \$8,000 in both FY20 and FY21. The Council on Aging continues to explore the establishment of a 501c3 nonprofit "Friends of" group to provide a private funding stream to augment town and state money.

Events and Programming

Prior to closing due to the pandemic, the COA's ongoing programming included: the Tuesday Bridge Group, typically attended by 8-12 players weekly; Tech Support, staffed by volunteers Karen Cruise and Richard Chase; Town Buzz, a bimonthly open forum discussion on a topic of interest moderated by Karen Cruise; and the Friday Men's Group, facilitated by Mike Warren. Fitness programming included Senior Fitness, Yoga and Balance for Life, all led by Marty French. Tai Chi classes were led by George Chase and "Strengthen, Stretch and Balance" was led by Diane Moore. The Council on Aging continued to maintain its weekly Walking Group and began "Senior Friendly" hikes, led by Rick Gardner. "Beginner Piano" small-group classes and "Learn to Play Ukulele" classes were also continued. In conjunction with the Princeton Arts Society, an eight-week Watercolor Class was offered by artist Charlie Gray. Lisa Coleman, from Lilacs of Sterling, returned to the senior center to lead two flower arranging classes during the year, as well. Unfortunately, the Princeton Arts Society was unable to hold their Spring Art Show in the space in early May, but we are hopeful that favorite event will return in June 2021.

Despite CoVid 19 and the closure of the COA space to the public, much of the programming, especially the exercise programs, continued to meet outdoors during the warm summer and fall months. The Book Group and Men's Group also continued to meet outdoors with masks and appropriate social distancing. Colder, wintry weather forced the suspension of some activities,

but Bridge Group, Book Group, the Men's Group transitioned to Zoom sessions with great success. In fact, the Bridge Group plays almost daily online.

With the advent of CoVid, phone calls to seniors were placed by Board members, staff, and volunteers to establish whether any Princeton seniors were in need of assistance with obtaining masks, groceries, prescriptions and other medical supplies, getting set up on Zoom, etc. and made sure seniors understood to call the COA with any requests for help. Ms. Boardman has made additional calls to high risk seniors over the months. Several dozen masks were distributed to seniors who were able to pick them up at the COA.

The Grab & Go program was started in the early fall to distribute a fully cooked meal via a drive-by pick-up. The meals are prepared and packaged by the board and staff and continue to increase in popularity each month. In addition to providing a free meal, the pick-up allows us to quickly check-in with seniors to stay connected and see if there are other unmet needs. All seniors are eligible and only need to call the COA to sign up.

Thanks to CoVid-19, it was not a good year for group events, but prior to closing in March, the COA held a Valentine's Day lunch and show for 30 people and 20 turkeys and 20 hams were distributed for Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday thanks to the Rotary Club.

One of the goals of the Council on Aging was to again begin offering a weekly, family-style, congregate lunch. The Princeton council on Aging partners with Montachusett Opportunity Council to receive a prepared, nutritious, hot lunch on Tuesdays. Due to CoVid-19, onsite congregate luncheons were suspended, but we anticipate starting them again when we can safely offer it. However, COA members and volunteers continue to prepare the Meals on Wheels weekly deliveries for approximately 10 seniors currently participating in the program.

Community Connections

The Princeton Council on Aging continued to work closely with several area community-based organizations to ensure that Princeton residents were aware of services available to meet their needs. The Montachusett Opportunity Council provides home delivered meals to the senior center which are then delivered by a local driver to seniors at home. The Princeton Council on Aging also connects food-insecure seniors to the Wachusett Food Pantry and assists with obtaining emergency food supplies on an as-needed basis. The senior center maintains a small volunteer-managed food pantry as well. Referrals are made to area home care agencies including Montachusett Home Care, our local Aging Service access point, providing outreach, clinical and financial evaluation and in-home support.

SCM Elderbus continues to provide transportation to seniors and disabled residents in Princeton. In-town transportation as well as transport to area towns for medical appointments, banking or meeting friends is available. Weekly runs to specific grocery and department stores are also available. Any in-town trips to the Princeton senior center are free of charge to residents and are covered by the EOHHS formula grant. The COA started discussions on a supplemental volunteer program to assist those whose transportation needs cannot be met by SCM Elderbus, but they were suspended during the pandemic.

The Princeton Council on Aging continues to maintain a very active Lender's Closet. We accept donations of durable medical equipment such as crutches, canes, walkers, rollators, tub seats and benches, commodes and wheelchairs and occasionally larger items such as hospital beds, recliners and power chairs. Princeton seniors may contact the Council on Aging to inquire if a specific piece of equipment is available for their use. There is no fee to utilize the Lenders Closet. Staff are available to deliver equipment as necessary.

Monthly Newsletters and Social Media Communication

The Council on Aging continues to publish a monthly newsletter that contains relevant information for Princeton seniors. In addition to a monthly programming calendar, the newsletter also includes updates from the Selectboard and town administrator, information on topics of interest and programs that seniors may be able to take advantage of. The newsletter is printed and delivered to the senior center free of charge by a small publisher based in New Hampshire. A dedicated team of volunteers assembles the newsletter and prepares it for mailing.

The Council on Aging also post updates on their page on the town website and further utilizes NextDoor Princeton as well as the Princeton Council on Aging Facebook page to share relevant information, publicize events, and other happenings at the senior center.

Conclusion

The Council on Aging's move to new space and an accompanying expansion in the number of programs and services was well underway when the pandemic suspended many activities and forced the redirection of our efforts into other services, programs, and outreach. It has been a demanding and unsettling year, but through the activities and outreach described above the COA has pivoted to meet service and socialization needs for a broad base of Princeton seniors.

The closure also provided more staff hours to fully update and verify senior profiles and build new analyses in the My Senior Center software as we look to the future. It has become an integral tool in daily operations from creating program groups to setting up robocalls to disseminate Covid-19 information. It not only allows us to better capture our statistics and run operations, it's beginning to provide us with sufficient and reliable data to use in planning as well. We are hopeful the vaccines will control the virus and in the summer months of 2021 we can begin to safely re-open and chart our next "new normal". While we don't yet know exactly what that landscape will look like, the COA will continue to look for ways to attract more residents to the senior center by offering unique and interesting programs and to identify those seniors who are homebound and in need of services outside of the center as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Webster, director, Princeton Council on Aging

on behalf of the Princeton Council on Aging – Wendy Pape, Michael Warren, Barbara Guthrie, Bill Lindquist, Donna Mackenzie, Susan Stolberg, Thelia Thompson

Veterans' Service Department

2020 Annual Report

The Veterans' Department is under the direction of Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Local Veterans' Agents direct the Veterans' benefits program, which is a joint program with the Commonwealth and the Town of Princeton to deliver financial benefits for qualified veterans' and/or their dependents. The office also assists and advises veterans and/or their dependents with questions and applications concerning their federal and other state benefits.

The Veterans' department continues to work with several local veterans and their families, providing services to assist with varying needs. The office collaborates with other area veterans' organizations to assist with such needs as may not be available directly through the Veterans' Services office. This includes food supplements, emergency housing repair, medical insurance applications, etc.

For some veterans, their families or widows of veterans we hope to assist with monthly expenses either temporarily or on a more permanent basis as necessary. Forms of additional permanent income could include returning to employment, qualifying for VA (Veterans' Administration) or Social Security benefits. Any veterans benefits expended through the town are reimbursed by the state at a rate of 75%.

The current VSO (Veteran's Service Officer) for the Town of Princeton is Sara Wyman at the Town of Westminister (VSO's often cover multiple towns). Messages can be left for Sara at 978-874-4761 or email her at SWyman@westminster-ma.gov, for any questions and if necessary to set up an appointment. Peter Cummings, Town of Princeton IT Coordinator, is monitoring the current Veteran's email account (Veterans@town.princeton.ma.us) and will forward any email to Sara.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Cummings
IT coordinator

Princeton Public Library 2020 Annual Report

It goes without saying that 2020 was a challenging year for Princeton Public Library, but once again, the staff went above and beyond expectations to ensure that the town's information (and entertainment) needs were met. January and February were fairly typical months, filled with programs for all ages, film club, knitting group, Teen Advisory Board (TAB) activities, storytimes, book groups, and cookbook club. One of the early highlights of the year was the Library Mini-Golf program held over February vacation.

Everything changed in March. The library closed to the public on March 13, 2020, and did not open again to the public until October 6. In the interim, the staff worked diligently to fill holds and put together book bundles for patrons to pick up curbside. By late August, they were averaging more than 50 curbside bags per week. Meanwhile, the Summer Reading Program took place as usual, though it was run entirely online for the first time. The library used CARES Act funding to purchase a two-year subscription to Beanstack to allow the 35 participants to log their reading.

The library also said goodbye to beloved Library Director Mary Barroll, who retired last summer after more than eight years in the position. I began my position as director in September and began working with the staff and trustees on a plan to safely reopen the library to the public. We officially reopened in October and were able to remain open for the rest of 2020. Both the staff and our patrons should be commended for their adherence to and flexibility with all of the new covid-related restrictions required in the building. While the Friends were not able to hold the annual Candlelight Concert in December, everyone who visited the library in December was still able to benefit from the beautiful Christmas decorations they put up.

While in-person programming was suspended indefinitely last spring, the staff found new ways of engaging with our patrons. Our most successful program has been monthly grab and go crafts for kids and adults. We obtained a Zoom license in September and began hosting a reworked Cookbook Club and book discussions throughout the fall. We also brought in outside vendors to present programs on the Red Sox, Gardens of Devon and Cornwall, and a birdfeed wreath-making program by Princeton's own Dot Odgren, president of the Wachusett Garden Club. Additionally, use of our online resources skyrocketed throughout the summer and fall. Princeton readers made great use of Overdrive, our consortium's online catalog for downloading eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines. We also continue to offer access to Freegal, an online music service that allows Princeton residents to download three songs each week for free, and remote access to Ancestry.com.

Though many of the covid restrictions remain in place and are likely to continue through much of 2021, Princeton residents can feel confident in the library's ability to continue to meet their needs and to provide entertainment and access to high-quality programs. We are also thankful for the Trustees' and the Friends of the Library's support for our mission and financial contributions to ensure that the library remains a center for community life here in Princeton.

Staff:

Betsy Beth Library clerk/circulation
Sara Gardner Youth services librarian/Teen Advisory Board
Annie MacLeod Library clerk/DVDs and periodicals
Meridith Newell Substitute library clerk
Lori Rabeler Substitute library clerk
Karen Specht Media specialist/CWMARS coordinator/webpage management
Ginger Toll Substitute library clerk

Holdings and circulation July 2019 through June 2020 (FY20)

	Holdings	Circulation
Books	16,486	14,598
Periodicals	485	813
Books on CD	1,397	1,485
EBooks	106,015	4,247
Downloadable audio	27,199	3,964
Videos and DVDs	2,238	4,709
Video games	143	93
Electronic collections (Ancestry, Freegal)	63	1,739
Interlibrary loans received	4,741	Total circ: 34,941 (Circ + ILL received)
Interlibrary loans provided	3,085	
No. of children's programs	66	
Attendance	544	
No. of adult programs	89	
Attendance	411	
Public computer use	624	(doesn't include personal laptop use)
Number of registered borrowers	1,861	

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Redihan, library director

Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report 2020

Through 2020, the commission continued without a director. However, from November 2020 until February 2021, former chair, Ed Carlson, served as a temporary (volunteer) Parks & Rec director, which was extremely helpful. However, his resignation has left us once again with a void. We remain hopeful the Selectboard will approve the hiring of a permanent director before the spring season commences.

By late summer/fall 2020, we added several new members: Jennifer Greene, Terry Hart, Scott Morris, and Travis Parisi. This has reinvigorated the commission with new ideas and energy.

The Covid-19 pandemic made most events virtually impossible. Town soccer did not go forward with a season in 2020, although several baseball, softball and outside soccer clubs did manage a limited schedule. Due to this limited use, field repairs were minimal this year.

During the year-end holidays, the commission hosted a house lighting contest, which drew about ten entrants. We plan to expand this next year.

We have been looking for ways to improve or upgrade our recreational assets. East Princeton residents have brought up lots of ideas about a new playground at Sawyer Field--it could be a community-based endeavor with fundraising, involving local contractors and/or lumber companies and volunteers to help build it. We are also planning to apply for a PARC grant from the state to help with this needed project.

The high cost of maintaining Krashes Fields coupled with the diminishing income from the rentals, in part due to decreased demand and better options nearby, continues to be an issue. The Everett Needham Fieldhouse has slowly fallen into disrepair as there still hasn't been a viable tenant. To address this we applied for and received a grant from the state's Shared Streets program. This will allow us to improve some of the amenities at Krashes, but unfortunately, our plan for renovating the Fieldhouse is not covered by the grant, so we will be seeking alternatives for funding this.

The concept of a "Friends Of" group was discussed to help with fundraising as well as implementing worthy programs. Models in other communities were sought that may be able to help define and set up that structure.

We are planning a town-wide event to celebrate the end of COVID.

We will continue to work with the Open Space Committee on the Trails Around Princeton which can link many of the town's recreational resources together via a multi-use, non-motorized trail network. One specific link between Sawyer Playground and Gleason Road via an old road has been actively discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Kelton Burbank, Jennifer Greene, Terry Hart, Scott Morris, Travis Parisi, Kari Sledzik

Princeton Historical Commission

Annual Report 2020

Like all commissions and departments, the Historical Commission faced challenges in 2020, meeting remotely most of the year. Still, on several fronts, we were able to further our mission of preserving and protecting the Town's historical and archeological assets.

Town Pound: An access path laid with mulch now leads from Mountain Road to the Town Pound, which recently was cleared of trees and other overgrown vegetation.

Four Corners Sign: The sign marking the Four Corners Historic District was repaired at no cost by a welding shop in Hubbardston, located by the Commission.

Completion of Main Street work in East Princeton: The Commission worked with the Highway Department and project manager for final design of signs that were installed on either end of the village. The Commission also was pleased to see completion of the Keyes Brook bridge, incorporating design elements of the ironwork from the 1920s bridge it replaced.

Civil War plaques: The Commission worked with the Select Board to ensure that the compromised Civil War plaques removed from Bagg Hall are preserved off site. The Commission also has secured estimates regarding replacement and has conferred with the Select Board about options.

Temple-Stuart Mill Road: The Commission has begun to investigate the possibility of restoring a road as a pedestrian pass, near the historic site of the Temple-Stuart chair factory in East Princeton. The path would connect Gleason Road to the new sidewalk on Main Street.

House plaques: The Commission has worked to secure additional house plaques for several historic homes.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Lindberg, chair
Carl Soderberg, vice chair
Larry Todd, clerk
Jane Morrisson, member
Joyce Anderson, member

Cultural Council 2020 Annual Report

The Massachusetts Cultural Council's (MCC) Local Cultural Council Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities and sciences annually. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts citizen. The MCC distributes funds to local and regional cultural councils, who then grant funds to arts, humanities, and interpretive science projects in their own communities.

This year the Princeton Cultural Council received from the commonwealth an allocation of \$4,600. A total of 17 applications were submitted and we were able to award grants for 12 projects.

In early 2020 some programs took place, such as the performance of an original play for seniors and the Author Speaker Series held at the library. However, due to the pandemic, many other programs such as the birding program and concerts have been postponed until it is safe for community gatherings again.

Current members of the Princeton Cultural Council include:

Marsha Dowdy, Hannah Hall-Alicandro, Beth Hunter, Shaunna Knuth, Carla Voltura and Melissa Yazdanpanah. If you are interested in joining, please contact a current member.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hunter, chair

2020 Grants Approved by the Princeton Cultural Council

Applicant	Project Title	Grant
Steven Henderson	Mabel & Jerry: Obstacles to the Alter	\$325
Rev. Janet Skagerlind	Malcolm Halliday Concert	\$600
Toni Ostrow, David Blodgett	Hip Swayers Trio Concert (series of 2)	\$600
Timothy Loftus	Musical Performance by Mary Carfagna and Tim Loftus	\$100
Princeton Public Library	Dinoman!	\$595
Princeton Public Library	Tommy James Magic Show	\$450
SloGrass	Princeton Center Gazebo Performance	\$500
Wachusett Garden Club	Impact of Invasive Plants	\$300
Leonard A. Haug	Regional Art History	\$500
North County Land Trust	Birding at Zinns	\$220
Susan Roney-O'Brien	Author Speaker Series	\$600
Susan Roney-O'Brien	Poetry Reading Series	\$400

Agricultural Commission Annual Report 2020

Members: Lauren Stimson, John Mirick, Chad Steiner, Eddie Good, Ashley Gibbs, and Chair
Walter Gowey

On February 5, 2020 the Agricultural Commission sponsored an “Active Farmers Meeting Discussion” in the Town Annex for individuals interested in raising chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, goats, llamas, alpacas, and/or cows who might have questions on how to proceed.

We had a lecture series scheduled for March for growing strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries; additionally we had planned a Vegetable & Flower Garden Tour in June. Due to gathering restrictions imposed by the onset of Covid 19, these last two programs had to be cancelled. It is our hope that we can reschedule at some point in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Gowey

Wachusett Regional School District Annual Report 2020

Dear Residents of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, and Sterling,

As I write this annual message, I want to begin by thanking all members of our community for their patience, understanding, cooperation, tolerance, and resilience, particularly since March of 2020. I do not believe anyone could have predicted the impact COVID-19 would have on the Wachusett District, the commonwealth, the country, or the world, but I believe as we all work through this together and we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, the collaboration and teamwork shown will help guide us in our eventual return to “normal.”

The 2020-2021 school year has been one like no other. As you know, our schools were abruptly closed on March 13, 2020 with no return date certain. Remote instruction began at that time and continued through the rest of the spring and well into the current school year. Hybrid in-person instruction began for those students who wished on January 19, 2021. The “soft reopening” of schools has been exciting for staff and students, and I am very proud of our Wachusett community for the relatively seamless transition. Due to the unique circumstances, there were a few more than usual school reopening challenges that needed to be addressed and navigated, but with cooperation from all parties, I am pleased to report the matters needing attention were handled appropriately and efficiently. Students learning remotely from home or in-person in schools, with blended learning happening regularly, will continue for the remainder of this school year. I am confident that whatever challenges the coming months may present, the education of all Wachusett students will continue to be outstanding thanks to our talented and dedicated teaching staff. The resilience and resourcefulness our teachers have shown over the last 10 months has been remarkable.

This year, we were able to expand our 1:1 Chromebook program to include all students in grades 6 - 12. This initiative has been phased in over the past 4 years, beginning with the current senior class who were issued the very first 1:1 Chromebooks when they began their freshmen year. The 1:1 Chromebook deployment for all high school students was completed in the fall of 2019. With the unexpected reliance on remote teaching and learning this school year, we moved as quickly as possible to expand the program to include grades 6 - 8.

As we have done over the past several years, the District and Member Town officials held the annual Budget Roundtable on January 7, 2021. This meeting is the opportunity to discuss key budget issues associated with the upcoming fiscal year. Even though this year’s Roundtable was virtual, it was well attended by town representatives, officials from the state, members of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee, and community members interested in learning more about the budget process.

Though budget development has been delayed this year due to the pandemic as well as the state’s FY21 budget approval being later than usual, we are working with our Member Towns, on behalf of all constituents, to develop an annual budget appropriation that will address the needs of Wachusett’s students and staff. As I have shared numerous times in the past, I am grateful to our state representatives for their continued support of increased funding for all schools in the Commonwealth.

For the third consecutive year, the five towns that comprise the Wachusett District supported a budget that permitted us the opportunity to increase support for our students. We very much appreciate the support of the Member Towns, and we look to continue forward progress, including focusing on the social and emotional health and wellbeing of our students in the coming school year.

I would like to thank all parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and community members for their continued support and dedication to the education of the children in the Wachusett Regional School District. We must continue to work together to provide our students with a quality education that will prepare them for success in the future.

Sincerely,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.

Superintendent of schools

Montachusett Reg. Voc. Tech. School Annual Report 2020

As I reflected on the 2019-2020 school year, and considered what might be included in the 2020 Annual Report, I was reminded of the progress and accomplishments made by our students and staff, during an incredibly challenging time. While each year at Monty Tech is exciting and includes many “firsts”, traditional instruction ended abruptly in 2019-2020, and students and instructors were forced to turn to technology to watch, learn and collaborate. The all-important hands-on learning was not possible because of the unexpected pandemic, and so for the first time ever, our vocational instructors relied solely on their creativity, their understanding of instructional technology, and their technical skills to carry them through the end of the year.

Our academic teachers collaborated to create lessons and assessments that would effectively measure learning in a remote setting, and explored countless apps and platforms to increase engagement. Students who looked forward to events like SkillsUSA competitions, prom and graduation, grappled with disappointment and the unknown, and Guidance Counselors worked diligently to reach out to students who were now more isolated from their peers than ever before. To say 2019-2020 was challenging may be an understatement, but to disregard our progress as an educational community would be a disservice to everyone who worked so hard to serve our students. While the traditional school year may have been abbreviated, so many incredible achievements were recognized in this historic year.

A project more than seven years in the making, the Monty Tech Veterinary Clinic, opened and began providing affordable veterinary care to pets in need, across our district. Routine wellness care visits, affordable medications and vaccinations, diagnostic services, primary care surgical services, stable urgent care, compassionate end of life care, and dentistry services were delivered by our talented Veterinary Medical Director, Dr. Kayla Sample. Students worked in the new state-of-the-art clinic, learning techniques and gaining knowledge that align with veterinary assistant programs across the commonwealth. In fact, Becker College has recognized the Monty Tech Veterinary Science program for its rigor and content, and has offered qualified program graduates up to 13 college credits. Further, relying on the school’s trusted model of school-to-business partnerships, a unique collaboration between Monty Tech and VCA has resulted in co-op placements for Seniors in the program.

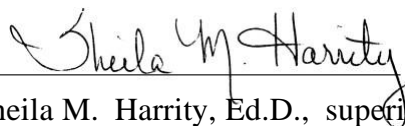
In August 2019, Monty Tech accepted a \$384,257 award from the Massachusetts Skills Cabinet. This award provided funding to update technology and equipment in two shops: Health Occupations and Automotive Technology. Health Occupations students worked and learned in updated shop facilities, to include new hospital beds and lifts, as well as new diagnostic equipment to train students in the proper procedures for testing for cholesterol, blood sugar, lead, lung volume, and more. In addition, the program received state-of-the-art virtual dissection technology, bringing lessons in anatomy and physiology to new heights. This equipment, provided by Anatomage and most often found on college campuses, immediately engaged students, bringing a deeper level of knowledge and understanding to students as they explored the human body and its complex systems.

Students in the Automotive Technology program were introduced to an all-new simulation lab, that now includes the latest technology in trainers and simulators aligned with NATEF standards. The shop was

updated to include new automotive lifts, floor jacks, engine stands, chargers, an air table, and a redesigned tool crib with all new hand tools. Further, in 2019-2020, in partnership with Snap On Tools, instructors rolled out a more sophisticated technical training program and increased opportunities to earn all-new diagnostic credentials, validating their experience and ability to diagnose and service today's computer-controlled vehicles. With new curriculum, technology and the addition of NC3 Automotive Diagnostic Certifications to the program, our Automotive Technology program graduates will enter a competitive workforce poised for success.

Students who attend Monty Tech have chosen a high school experience unlike any other. While completing all of the same high school requirements of students enrolled in a traditional, comprehensive high school, our students are also learning a valuable trade – skills they will carry with them for a lifetime. In the most challenging times, our students are called upon to demonstrate creativity, innovation and technical skill proficiency, and though face-to-face instruction may have been interrupted, their achievements continued. On behalf of our talented educators and administrators, who remain focused on delivering the highest quality academic and vocational-technical education possible, I am delighted to present the District's 2019-2020 annual report to you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila M. Harrity". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D., superintendent-director

Meeting Schedule 2021

This section is subject to change. Please check the Town Hall website: (www.town.princeton.ma.us/Calendar.htm) or bulletin board to confirm the date, time and location of meetings.

Advisory Committee

See Town website for meeting schedule.

Board of Assessors

Meet as needed on Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. at the Princeton Town Hall.

Board of Health

Meet the second and fourth Monday evening of each month, 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Board of Selectmen

Meet alternate Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex.

Building Inspector Office Hours

Check website or call office

Cemetery Commission

Meet monthly.

Conservation Commission

Meet the third Tuesday evening of each month, 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall Annex.

Council on Aging

Meet first Tuesday of each month (except July and August), 12:15 p.m. at Post Office Place, 206 Worcester Road

Historic Commission

Meet the third Thursday of every month.

Open Space Committee

Meet as needed.

Parks and Recreation

Meet monthly.

Personnel Board

Meet as necessary.

Planning Board

Meet the first and third Wednesday evening of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex.

Road Advisory Committee

Meet as needed.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Meet as necessary.

Location of Town Departments

Town Hall – 6 Town Hall Drive

Office of the Board of Selectmen	464-2102
Office of the Town Administrator	464-2102
Accounting Department	464-2107
Office of the Assessors	464-2104
Board of Health	464-2104
Building Department	464-2100
Office of the Tax Collector	464-2105
Office of the Town Clerk	464-2103
Office of the Treasurer	464-2105
Planning, Zoning & Conservation	464-2118

Fire Department

Public Safety Building - 8 Town Hall Drive
(Non-emergency) 464-2707

Highway Department

Department of Public Works
110 East Princeton Road 464-2120

Council on Aging

Post Office Place 464-5977

Police Department

Public Safety Building - 8 Town Hall Drive
(Non-emergency) 464-2928

Animal Control Officer 464-2928

Public Library

Goodnow Memorial Building
2 Town Hall Drive 464-2115

Telephone Directory

Area Code for Princeton is (978) exchange is 464

EMERGENCY	911		
Accountant	464-2107	Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School	978-345-9200
Advisory Board	464-2102	Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	464-2101
Animal Control Officer	464-2928	Parks & Recreation	464-2100
Animal Inspector	464-2104	Planning Board	464-2118
Assessor's Office	464-2104	Princeton Arts Society	464-5977
Board of Health	464-2104	Princeton Municipal Light Department	464-2815
Board of Selectmen	464-2102	Police (non-emergency)	464-2928
Building Inspector	464-2100	Superintendent of Schools	508-829-1670
Cemetery	464-2103	Tax Collector	464-2105
Chamber of Commerce	978-353-7600	Thomas Prince School	464-2110
Conservation Commission	464-2118	Town Administrator	464-2102
Council on Aging	464-5977	Town Clerk	464-2103
Dog Officer	464-2928	Treasurer	464-2105
Fire (non-emergency)	464-2707	Tree Warden	464-2100
Gas/Plumbing Inspector	464-2100	United States Postal Service	464-2811
Health Agent	464-2104	Veteran's Services	464-2118
Highway Department	464-2120	Wachusett Mtn. State Park	464-2987
Historical Commission	464-2100	Wachusett Mtn. Ski Area	464-2300
Library	464-2115	Wachusett Regional H.S.	508-829-6771
		Wiring Inspector	464-2100
		Zoning Board of Appeals	464-2118

Website: www.town.princeton.ma.us