

**The Advisory Board hearing on these articles will be held on Monday March 2, 2009
at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex**

**TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10, 2009**

Worcester, ss:

To Any Constable of the Town of Princeton: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Thomas Prince School in said Town, on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2009.

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M. TO ACT ON THE
FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF TOWN AFFAIRS:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82A, §2, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to designate the Board or Officer to issue permits for the purpose of making a trench excavation, as set out in M.G.L. c. 82A, § 4 and 520 CMR 14.00, and to perform any obligations pursuant to the terms of said statute and regulations; or take any other action relative thereto.

Known as "Jackie's Law" the Dept. of Public Safety and Division of Occupational Safety have promulgated new regulations establishing permitting standards for trench openings and securing of unattended trenches.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 60 §15, to charge for each written demand issued by the Tax Collector a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to be added to and collected as part of the tax, effective as of July 1, 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

The current demand fee charged for non-payment of taxes is \$5.00

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$4,500 to satisfy the Town's financial obligation under the Wachusett Earthday contract signed in Fiscal Year 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

Princeton residents will have the opportunity to bring recycling and household hazardous materials to a permanent year-round collection center for proper disposal.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter XII (Dog Restraint and Regulations) of the Princeton General By laws as follows:

In Section 10, under subsection 1, entitled “Annual License”, change the fee for “Male” from \$10.00 to \$15.00, change the fee for “Female” from \$10.00 to \$15.00, and change the fee for “Spayed/Neutered” from \$6.00 to \$10.00, so that subsection 1 will read as follows:

1. Annual License:	Male	\$15.00
	Female	\$15.00
	Spayed/Neutered	\$10.00
	Transfer Fee	\$ 2.00
	Replacement Tag	\$ 1.00

or take any other action relative thereto.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept a Small Town Road Assistance Program (STRAP) grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Massachusetts Highway Department, said funds to be used for reclaiming and resurfacing Gates Road and making improvements to the drainage system on Gates Road; or take any other action relative thereto.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,347.00 from the Recreation Revolving Y.A.H.O.O. expense account #26-5-630-001 to the 250th Anniversary expense account #03-5-695-781 or take any other action relative thereto.

The 250th Princeton Anniversary is a recipient of this amount from the “Young Adults Helping Out Others” (YAHOO) organization

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M. G. L. c. 59, §57C to establish a semi-annual preliminary tax payment system, or take any other action relative thereto.

This new tax billing option is similar to a quarterly tax payment system, but with two rather than four installment payments.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to pay costs of emergency expenses incurred as a result of the ice storm in December 2008; or take any other action relative thereto.

Advisory Board Opinion to be Determined

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$18,150 to the Town Environmental Clean-up Account #03-5-420-201 for three years of ground water monitoring at the former town landfill or take any other action relative thereto.

These funds will be used to continue groundwater monitoring efforts at the former town landfill. This is a thirty-year effort with DEP oversight.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$46,320 to the Town Environmental Clean-up Account #03-5-420-201 for remedial activity of groundwater located at the public safety complex and town hall/library area or take any other action relative thereto.

Recent groundwater monitoring activities at the site suggests that a more aggressive remedial approach might be necessary to achieve site closure more quickly. This effort is monitored by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$20,000 to continue the Town Building Maintenance program to defray the costs for materials and repairs to town buildings, and further to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$10,000 to continue the Grounds Maintenance program for a total of \$30,000 or take any other action relative thereto.

This article supports an annual program to repair, maintain and restore town buildings and grounds. This program will preserve and protect valuable town assets. If necessary, some ground funds might be used to assist with the December 2008 ice storm damage on the common and town cemeteries. These programs are for all town assets other than the Thomas Prince School and the Princeton Municipal Light Department.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$25,000 to the Infrastructure Stabilization Account #85-5-041-000 or take any other action relative thereto.

This account is the town's savings account. It is strictly used for future capital purchases, infrastructure improvements and projects. A 2/3rds vote is required to expend funds from this account.

Advisory Board Approves

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof fourteen days at least before time of said meeting at Bagg Hall, Mechanics Hall, and Princeton Post Office.

Hereof fail not and make returns of the Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of February 2009.

A true copy. ATTEST:

SELECTMEN OF PRINCETON

Lynne F. Grettum, Town Clerk

Raymond A. Dennehy III, Chairman

Joe O'Brien

Alan Sentkowski, Clerk

I have this day posted the above warrant at Bagg Hall, Mechanics Hall and the Princeton Post office.

Date: _____, 2009

Constable