

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT**

**For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012**

**ELECTION MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011  
TOWN HALL ANNEX  
12 NOON TO 8 PM**

**TOWN MEETING AT  
THOMAS PRINCE SCHOOL**

**7:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011**



**Report of the Advisory Board**  
**April 28, 2011**

The Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen met several times during the fiscal planning process for FY2012. Town Administrator John Lebeaux provided many supporting documents to help in crafting and accepting the overall budget and special article items. We would like to thank John and the Board of Selectman for the many hours that went into putting a very manageable budget together.

While the fiscal outlook for FY2012 remains generally bleak, the budget does include a 2% increase in non union salaries and some capital improvement spending. The Advisory Board approves of the overall operating budget, with the exception of the Police Department salaries line item. We are awaiting additional information, but as written, the salary line item was not accepted.

Funding the Town Building Maintenance account was approved at the same level as in FY 2011, as we foresee roofing repairs to Station 2 and perhaps some work on Bagg Hall. The Board also enthusiastically approves of Article 4, the Green Repair Program, which will provide funding for much needed roof repairs, replacement windows and boiler upgrades to the Thomas Prince School.

The Advisory Board also supports funding the town's Stabilization Fund and the Infrastructure Stabilization Fund for unexpected future needs.

The Advisory Board has yet to render an opinion on the Planning Board articles related to overlay districts and changes to various zoning designations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Terrence Hart, Chair  
John Shipman, Vice-Chair  
Joe Lotuff  
Jim O'Coin  
Neil Sulmasy  
Stan Moss  
Alan Sentkowski

*The Advisory Board hearing on this warrant will be held on Monday May 2, 2011 at 7:00p.m. in the Town Hall Annex*

## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Worcester SS.**

To a Constable of the Town of PRINCETON in the County of WORCESTER

### **GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Princeton who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at:

**The Town Hall Annex  
4 Town Hall Drive**

on **MONDAY, THE NINTH OF MAY, 2011**, from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ONE Selectman for three years  
ONE Assessor for three years  
ONE Electric Light Commissioner for three years  
ONE Trustee of Trust Funds for three years  
TWO Planning Board members for three years  
ONE Wachusett Regional District School Committee member for three years  
ONE Moderator for one year

And to cast their vote in the Annual Town Election for the following ballot question:

Question NO 1  
Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion

Shall the Town of Princeton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to effect repairs to the Thomas Prince School, 170 Sterling Road, which may include roof, window and/or boiler improvements?

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM TWELVE O'CLOCK P.M. TO EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.**

You are further hereby directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants of the Town of Princeton to meet at the Thomas Prince School, in said Town on Tuesday, the tenth day of May, 2011 at seven o'clock post meridian to act on the following articles of Town affairs:

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

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Section 108, Chapter 41, of the Massachusetts General Laws to fix the salaries of the following Town Officers for the ensuing year (FY11), or take any other action relative thereto.

	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>
Moderator	\$ 25	\$ 25
Selectmen	\$1,500	\$1,500
Assessors	\$4,500	\$4,500

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, including transferring from available funds and from Overlay Surplus, a sum or sums of money to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing fiscal year (FY12), or take any other action relative thereto.

*This article establishes the FY12 operating budget for all town departments.*

Advisory Board Recommendations appear in the extreme right-hand column of the Budget document.

DEPARTMENT	FY11 BUDGET VOTED	FY12 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY12 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY12 AB RECOMMENDS
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>				
<b>Moderator</b>				
Salary	25.00	25.00		
Expense	50.00	75.00		
Sub-Total	75.00		100.00	100.00
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>				
Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Sub-Total	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00
<b>Annual Audit</b>				
Expense	14,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00

DEPARTMENT	FY11 BUDGET VOTED	FY12 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY12 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY12 AB RECOMMENDS
<b>Town Administrator</b>				
Salary	88,496.00	<b>88,496.00</b>		
Expense	2,500.00	<b>2,500.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>90,996.00</b>		<b>90,996.00</b>	<b>90,996.00</b>
<b>Administrative Assistants</b>				
Salaries	33,660.00	<b>34,333.00</b>		
Expense	1,500.00	<b>1,500.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>35,160.00</b>		<b>35,833.00</b>	<b>35,833.00</b>
<b>Reserve Fund</b>				
Expense	<b>47,000.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
<b>Town Accountant</b>				
Salary	24,823.00	<b>25,319.00</b>		
Expense	3,319.00	<b>3,478.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>28,142.00</b>		<b>28,797.00</b>	<b>28,797.00</b>
<b>Board of Assessors</b>				
Assessors Salaries	4,500.00	<b>4,500.00</b>		
Assessor Clerk Salary	18,797.00	<b>19,173.00</b>		
Principal Assessor Salary	26,860.00	<b>27,397.00</b>		
Info. Tech. Mgr. Salary	12,535.00	<b>12,786.00</b>		
Revaluation Salary	6,120.00	<b>6,242.00</b>		
Expense	22,582.00	<b>22,582.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>91,394.00</b>		<b>92,680.00</b>	<b>92,680.00</b>

DEPARTMENT	FY11 BUDGET VOTED	FY12 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY12 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY12 AB RECOMMENDS
<b>Treasurer</b>				
Salary	28,186.00	28,750.00		
Expense	7,800.00	7,800.00		
Sub-Total	35,986.00		36,550.00	36,550.00
<b>Tax Collector</b>				
Salary	38,561.00	39,332.00		
Expense	8,225.00	8,225.00		
Sub-Total	46,786.00		47,557.00	47,557.00
<b>Town Counsel</b>				
Expense	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Town Clerk</b>				
Salary	31,028.00	31,649.00		
Expenses	4,700.00	4,950.00		
Sub-Total	35,728.00		36,599.00	36,599.00
<b>Elections &amp; Registration</b>				
Salaries	2,400.00	1,525.00		
Expense	4,625.00	4,485.00		
Sub-Total	7,025.00		6,010.00	6,010.00
<b>Conservation Commission</b>				
Salaries				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Sub-Total	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00

DEPARTMENT	FY11 BUDGET  VOTED	FY12 PROPOSED  BUDGET	FY12 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY12 AB  RECOMMENDS
<b>Planning Board</b>				
Administrative Asst. Salary	14,472.00	14,761.00		
Expense	2,636.00	2,636.00		
Sub-Total	17,108.00		17,397.00	17,397.00
<b>Board of Appeals</b>				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Open Space Committee</b>				
Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Agricultural Commission</b>				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Town Building Operations</b>				
Salaries	21,882.00	22,320.00		
Expense	49,845.00	53,095.00		
Sub-Total	71,727.00		75,415.00	75,415.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	550,127.00		555,934.00	555,934.00
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>				
<b>Police/Dispatch</b>				
Police non-union Salaries	118,505.00	118,825.00		118,825.00
Police Union Salaries	319,198.00	332,050.00		TBD
Dispatch Union Salaries	189,413.00	193,201.00		193,201.00
3rd Shift Recall Salary				
Expense	88,600.00	95,100.00		
Sub-Total	715,716.00		739,176.00	TBD

DEPARTMENT	FY11 BUDGET VOTED	FY12 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY12 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY12 AB RECOMMENDS
<b>Fire Department</b>				
Salaries	115,060.00	142,361.00		
Ambulance Readiness	36,000.00	36,000.00		
Vehicle Allowance; Chief	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Expense	69,515.00	75,471.00		
Sub-Total	223,575.00		256,832.00	256,832.00
<b>Animal Control</b>				
Animal Inspector Salary	500.00	500.00		
Animal Control Salary	8,638.00	8,811.00		
Expense	1,900.00	1,900.00		
Sub-Total	11,038.00		11,211.00	11,211.00
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>	<b>950,329.00</b>		<b>1,007,219.00</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>				
<b>Wachusett Regional School</b>				
Wachusett Min. Contribution	3,934,450.00	4,053,653.00		
Operations Assessment	323,370.00	321,607.00		
Transportation	175,409.00	225,823.00		
Long Term Debt	206,220.00	235,696.00		
Capital Program Assessment	-			
Environmental Clean-up	7,969.00	7,735.00		
Sub-total	4,647,418.00		4,844,514.00	4,844,514.00
<b>Montachusett Reg. Vocational</b>	<b>212,844.00</b>	<b>185,190.00</b>	<b>185,190.00</b>	<b>185,190.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>4,860,262.00</b>		<b>5,029,704.00</b>	<b>5,029,704.00</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12</b>	<b>FY12</b>	<b>FY12</b>



	<b>BUDGET VOTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>Sub-Total To Be Voted On</b>	<b>AB RECOMMENDS</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>				
<b>Highway</b>				
Salaries	289,766.00	<b>299,773.00</b>		
Expense	220,325.00	<b>231,000.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>510,091.00</b>		<b>530,773.00</b>	<b>530,773.00</b>
<b>Snow/Ice Removal</b>				
Expense	<b>140,000.00</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>
<b>Road Reconstruction</b>	<b>175,000.00</b>	<b>175,000.00</b>	<b>175,000.00</b>	<b>175,000.00</b>
<b>Street Lights</b>				
Expense	<b>10,175.00</b>	<b>9,746.00</b>	<b>9,746.00</b>	<b>9,746.00</b>
<b>Tree Warden</b>				
Salary	1,361.00	<b>1,388.00</b>		
Expense	12,000.00	<b>12,000.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>13,361.00</b>		<b>13,388.00</b>	<b>13,388.00</b>
<b>Cemeteries</b>				
Salaries	17,613.00	<b>17,965.00</b>		
Expense	4,372.00	<b>4,372.00</b>		
Sub-Total	<b>21,985.00</b>		<b>22,337.00</b>	<b>22,337.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>870,612.00</b>		<b>891,244.00</b>	<b>891,244.00</b>

DEPARTMENT	FY11 BUDGET  VOTED	FY12 PROPOSED  BUDGET	FY12 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY12 AB  RECOMMENDS
<b>HUMAN SERVICES:</b>				
<b>Council on Aging</b>				
Salary	14,004.00	14,284.00		
Expense	1,700.00	1,700.00		
Sub-Total	15,704.00		15,984.00	15,984.00
<b>Veterans Services</b>				
Salary	750.00	1,500.00		
Expense	6,765.00	6,765.00		
Sub-Total	7,515.00		8,265.00	8,265.00
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	24,249.00		24,249.00	24,249.00
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION:</b>				
<b>Library</b>				
Salaries	96,064.00	97,985.00		
Expense	47,944.00	53,857.00		
Sub-Total	144,008.00		151,842.00	151,842.00
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>				
Salaries	4,000.00	4,080.00		
Expense	4,100.00	4,100.00		
Sub-Total	8,100.00		8,180.00	8,180.00
<b>Historical Commission</b>				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Memorial Day</b>				
Expense	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	154,608.00		163,022.00	163,022.00

DEPARTMENT	FY11 BUDGET VOTED	FY12 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY12 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY12 AB RECOMMENDS
DEBT & INTEREST:				
Library Renovation (Exterior)	33,465.00	32,310.00	32,310.00	32,310.00
Highway Facility	46,067.00			
Police Cruisers (3)	32,469.00	33,821.00	33,821.00	33,821.00
Fire Truck	76,703.00			
Bentley Purchase	46,760.00	45,290.00	45,290.00	45,290.00
General Interest	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL DEBT	250,064.00		126,421.00	126,421.00
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Retirement	141,403.00	174,111.00	174,111.00	174,111.00
Life & Fringe	10,700.00	10,900.00	10,900.00	10,900.00
FICA/Medicare	34,000.00	35,400.00	35,400.00	35,400.00
Health Insurance	324,359.00	335,582.00	335,582.00	335,582.00
Town Insurance	105,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00
Wachusett Earthday	1,155.00	1,278.00	1,278.00	1,278.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	616,617.00		692,271.00	692,271.00
GRAND TOTAL:	8,276,235.00		8,490,064.00	

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repairs and/or replacement of roofs, windows, and/or boilers at the Thomas Prince School, 170 Sterling Road, Princeton. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 52.89 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

*Approval of this article appropriates the funding to replace roof, boilers, and single-pane windows at the Thomas Prince School through the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Green Repair Program. The Town qualifies for a reimbursement rate of 52.89%*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize that all funds granted to the Town by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) as reimbursement for the Thomas Prince School Green Building Repair Feasibility Study are applied to the Building Maintenance Program (Account #03-5-192-204).

*As required by the MSBA, the Town appropriated its total share of the Feasibility Study prior to the study commencing. The Board of Selectmen accomplished this by dedicating \$24,600 from the Building Maintenance Program. Approval of this article will restore the full value of MSBA's reimbursement (approx. 52%) to the account from which the funds originated.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$25,000 to the Town Environmental Clean-up Account #03-5-420-201 for ground water monitoring at the former town landfill or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) account # 27-5-999-000 the sum of \$45,000 to the Town Environmental Clean-up Account #03-5-420-201 for remedial activity of contaminated soil located at the public safety complex and town hall/library area or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recent monitoring activities at the site suggests that contaminated soil excavation and removal is necessary to achieve site closure. This effort is monitored by the Department of Environmental Protection.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to establish the FY12 ambulance operating budget. Receipts for ambulance services received in FY12 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 FY12 ambulance-operating budget is \$48,960.00 for salary and \$43,150.00 for expenses for a total budget of \$92,110.00 any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years, or take any other action relative thereto.

*All ambulance department receipts will be accounted for in a receipt reserved for appropriation account, from which ambulance-operating expenses will be paid.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to establish the FY12 trash operating budget. Receipts for trash disposal services received in FY12 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 FY12 trash-operating budget is \$80,000.00, of which \$70,000 be appropriated from Solid Waste Enterprise-Receipts Reserved for Appropriation and \$10,000 be appropriated from Solid Waste Enterprise-Available Retained Earnings. Any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years, or take any other action relative thereto.

*This article will allow the town to receive payments from trash haulers, which will be deposited into this account. The Town will then pay its invoices directly to Wheelabrator Millbury, Inc. where the trash incinerator is located.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 10: 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, 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Authorized to Spend Fund</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Use of Fund</b>	<b>FY2011 Spending Limit</b>	<b>FY2012 Spending Limit</b>
Building Department	Bldg. Inspector Town Admin.	Fees from Bldg, Wiring, Fire and Plumbing Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$72,732	\$69,371
Library	Library Director, Town Admin.	Copy Machine, Fax, Fines and Fees	Defray Operational Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000
Parks and Recreation	Recreation Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Fees Collected from Recreational Programs	Provide Recreational Programs & Pay Salaries	\$36,366	\$34,685
Parks and Recreation	Recreation Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Fees Collected from Recreational Programs	Maintenance of Parks	\$36,366	\$34,685
Princeton Center	Princeton Center Director, Town Admin.	Rental fees	Defray Operational & Maintenance Exp.	\$72,732	\$69,371
Board of Health	Board of Health Town Admin.	Permits & Inspections	Salary & Expense	\$35,000	\$35,000
Cemetery	Cemetery Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Burial Fees	Salary & Expense	0	\$5,000
<b>Total Spending</b>				\$257,196	\$252,112

**ADVISORY BOARD APPROVES**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to offset the FY11 Snow and Ice Removal expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Town Counsel has determined that it is permissible to address current year (FY11) budget items at the Annual Town Meeting (versus the previous practice of having a separate Special Town Meeting the same date as the Annual Town Meeting). This article relates to addressing the current year (FY11) general fund budget operating deficit. As of 4/11/11, the Snow and Ice Removal expense deficit is \$32,203.52.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to reallocate among certain line items within the FY11 budget approved under Article 3 of the May 11, 2010 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action relative thereto.

*This article relates to addressing the current year (FY11) general fund budget. The intended funding will be inter/intra departmental transfers presented at the Annual Town Meeting.*

Advisory Board Opinion to be Determined

**ARTICLE 13.** 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 relative thereto.

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter IX of the General Bylaws as follows:

Delete in its entirety “Section 1. Disposition of Obsolete Personal Property: Any Board or officer in charge of a Town Department may, with the approval of the Selectmen, sell any obsolete or used machinery, materials or equipment no longer required for use by such Board or Department, or trade the same in part payment for replacements for which funds have been provided. (Adopted at the Annual Town Meeting, March 7, 1972)”;

Re-title the existing Section 2 as Section 1;

or take any other action relative thereto.

*Disposal of obsolete personal property must be conducted pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter 30B.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract 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.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to either or both of the Town’s Stabilization Funds (Infrastructure Stabilization Account #85-5-041-000 and General Stabilization Account # 83-5-041-000) or take any other action relative thereto.

*These accounts are the town’s savings accounts. Infrastructure Stabilization is strictly used for future capital purchases, infrastructure improvements and projects. General Stabilization may be used for any lawful purpose. A 2/3rds vote is required to expend funds from either account.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to accept Section 20 of the Mass. General Laws Chapter 32B and to establish a separate fund known as the “Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund” as authorized by said Sec. 20, which would enable the town: (a) to create a funding schedule for such fund, and (b) in future years to appropriate sums to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of future retiree health benefit and other post-employment benefits, all in accordance with said statute, or take any action relative thereto.

*Municipal governments are being required to examine funding future health insurance liabilities for retirees, similar to funding future pension obligations. This proposal would establish a dedicated fund for this purpose, in which all accrued interest would accumulate back into the fund.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money 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 in relation thereto.

*Adoption of this article will authorize a contribution to the fund established in the preceding article.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 18A which will require that all retirees who retire after the acceptance of this section, their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, his spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplemental plan offered by the Town, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Adoption of this article would require any future Medicare eligible retiree who wishes to continue health care benefits, be transferred to a Medicare Supplemental Health plan offered by the Town.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 exempting from taxation personal property accounts having a valuation of less than \$10,000.

*Based on a study of operational costs the Assessors have determined that Personal Property accounts with less than \$10,000 valuation do not generate sufficient tax revenue to cover the cost of administering the account. Based on FY11 data, acceptance of this article would affect 88 of the 118 personal property accounts. Those 88 accounts produced \$3,800 in tax revenue.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000 for town concerts, the expenditure of such funds to be authorized by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Mass. General Law Chapter 41 Section 19K, allowing for additional compensation for the Town Clerk upon certification and further, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to fund this article or take any other action relative thereto.



*Acceptance of this article awards the Town Clerk an additional annual stipend upon successful completion of the certification program administered by the Mass. Town Clerks' Association. The program is based on experience, education, and successfully passing an examination. The Town has previously accepted a similar statute awarding stipends to the Treasurer and the Tax Collector upon certification.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,200 for the Planning Board to fund the development of a concept plan for a Post Office Place Village District. The funds will be used to pay for staff time and expenses for assistance from the planning staff of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC).

*Explanation: The foundation for this project is the Princeton Town Plan adopted in the 2007 Town Meeting. The ultimate goal will be to develop a village zoning bylaw for the area encompassing Post Office Place and surrounding area to be determined by the visioning/feasibility study. The Planning Board, in conjunction with CMRPC, will conduct public forums to gather public input, develop goals for the area, and define what changes might be needed to accomplish those goals. CMRPC will assist in leading the forums and provide technical assistance in evaluating the site. This is the initial step in the process of developing the bylaw.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,000 to purchase for use of the Library Department an Exterior Bookdrop and any related appurtenances, or take any action relative thereto.

*The Library Department requests to expand its customer service by providing a secure, weatherproof, heavy-duty receptacle for the return of library materials that may be accessed on a "drive-thru" basis without leaving one's automobile.*

Advisory Board Does Not Approve

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,500 to continue the ongoing restoration of Meetinghouse Cemetery and historic grave stones threatened with erosion or to take any other action relative thereto.

*This project was initially approved by TM in 2007. To date, 45 gravestones have been addressed and 70 more need work, much of it urgent. The Princeton Historical Commission will continue to solicit and employ volunteer efforts and will use this appropriation to help see this important task to completion.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 to purchase for the use of the Highway Department a used dump truck or trucks and any related appurtenances, or take any action relative thereto.

*The Highway Department seeks to modernize its fleet and replace a 1985 Mack dump truck that has reached the end of its useful life.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 to purchase for public safety purposes a replacement base radio and any related appurtenances, or take any action relative thereto.

*The present base radio is twenty-five years old. This is a critical component of public safety communication that needs replacement.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to fund any costs associated with a transition by the Town entering into a Regional Public Safety Dispatch System, or take any action relative thereto.

*Regional Dispatch is a matter currently under investigation by the Public Safety Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of this article is to provide for potential costs related to integrating into a regional system. Any simultaneous savings gained by entering into such a system would be realized in the Salary account, and could not be accessed for this purpose without Town Meeting action*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 to purchase for the use of the Fire Department turnout gear, or take any action relative thereto.

*This article represents 50% of the cost of replacing all the protective suits worn by firefighters. The Fire Department's present complement of these suits are at minimum ten years old. At present age they have become much less effective and safe. A similar article is planned for the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to complete this replacement program.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 for mechanical and electrical improvements, and for painting of Ambulance A1.

*This article addresses the Town's principal ambulance that was purchased in 2000. The planned work is the replacement of the engine, transmission, and electrical harness to improve vehicle reliability, and additionally, the painting necessary to comply with the state inspection process.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to the Town Building Maintenance program to defray the costs for materials and repairs to town buildings, and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to continue the Grounds Maintenance program or take any other action relative thereto.

*This article supports a program to repair, maintain and restore town buildings and grounds. This program will preserve and protect valuable town assets. These programs are for all town assets other than the Thomas Prince School and the Princeton Municipal Light Department.*

Advisory Board Approves

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will transfer the a sum of \$8,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Cemetery Lots account to the Cemetery Maintenance Account for the care and improvement of the town cemeteries, including landscaping, stonewall repair, and equipment.

*Mass. General Law Chapter 114, section 15 requires payments for lots to be deposited into a designated account to be used exclusively "for the cost of land, its care, improvement and embellishment, or the enlargement of the cemetery." These funds may be accessed only through appropriation by the Town Meeting.*

Advisory Board Approves

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

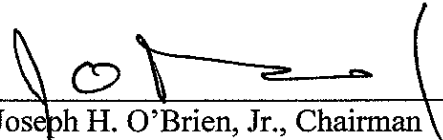
Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting, as aforesaid.


Given under our hands and seal on this April 28, 2011.

A true copy. ATTEST:

  
Lynne F. Grettum, Town Clerk

Seal

  
Joseph H. O'Brien, Jr., Chairman

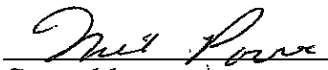
  
Raymond A. Dennehy, III, Clerk

  
Edith M. Morgan

Selectmen of the Town of Princeton

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

Date: 04-28-, 2011

  
Constable