

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**THOMAS PRINCE SCHOOL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011
7:00 P.M.**



*The Advisory Board hearing on this warrant will be held on Tuesday October 4, 2011
at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex*

TOWN OF PRINCETON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT OCTOBER 11, 2011

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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 11th day of October, 2011 at seven o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter II, Section 5 (Town Meetings) of the General Bylaws as follows:

Amend SECTION 5 by deleting the following language in the first sentence:

“At least fourteen (14) days before the day fixed in the warrant for any Special Town Meeting”

And replacing it with the following new language:

“At least seven (7) days for the Annual Town Meeting and fourteen (14) days for any Special Town meeting before the day fixed in the warrant”

Approval of this article incorporates into the General Bylaws the action of the Board of Selectmen May 9, 2009 regarding the means of distribution of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Town Meeting approved the existing similar Bylaw amendment for the Special Town Meeting Warrant May 11, 2010.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter III, (Advisory Committee) of the General Bylaws as follows:

Delete Section 2 in its entirety

And replace it with the following new language:

“The Selectmen shall appoint members at the beginning of each fiscal year as necessary to maintain a seven member committee each of whose term shall be for three fiscal years. The members shall be appointed for staggered terms so that the term of approximately one-third of the members shall expire each year.”

Amend Section 3 by deleting the following language:

“The term of office for any person so chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Town Meeting”

And replace it with the following new language:

“The term of office for any person so chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the end of the current fiscal year (June 30th)”

Approval of this article would change the end of term date for Advisory Board members from the conclusion of the Annual Town Meeting to June 30th, the last day of the fiscal year, which is the same day most other appointments expire. Approval will help avoid quorum issues if the Advisory Board needs to meet to consider any end of fiscal year matters that occur after the Annual Town Meeting adjourns.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 8 at May 10, 2011 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of Articles 3 and 4 will properly fund the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Ambulance Account for FY 12. There were not sufficient funds in the account on May 10, 2011 to meet the appropriation. Article 3 cancels the vote of May 10, 2011; Article 4 correctly establishes the FY 12 Ambulance operating budget. This correction is necessary in order for the Mass. Department of Revenue to certify the FY 12 tax rate.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to establish the FY12 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 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.

This article establishes the FY 12 receipts reserved for appropriation account from which ambulance operating expenses will be paid.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to make the following adjustments to amounts budgeted at the May 11, 2011 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto:

Town Accountant	Voted 5/11/11	Additional Amount Requested	Requested New Total
Salary 01-5-135-100	24,823.00	100.00	24,923.00

Board of Assessors	Voted 5/11/11	Additional Amount Requested	Requested New Total
Principal Assessor Salary 01-5-141-101	26,860.00	500.00	27,360.00

This article corrects longstanding incremental shortages that occur in these salary accounts in the last pay period of the fiscal year. Approval would negate the need for the Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen to consider end of year transfers to fund the shortfalls.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of funding any expenses related to hazardous waste abatement at the Thomas Prince School, 170 Sterling Road, including but not limited to abatement, removal, mitigation, testing, consultation, and disposal, 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. Gen. 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.

Approval of this article by a 2/3 vote will authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow within the levy limit a sum of money to address those expenses associated with the PCB project at the Thomas Prince School that are outside the scope of the previously approved Green Repair program.

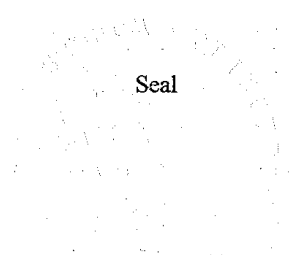
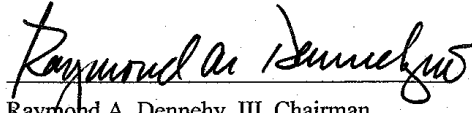
Advisory Board Opinion to be Determined


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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 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 on this September 26, 2011


Seal

Raymond A. Dennehy, III, Chairman


Edith M. Morgan, Clerk


Stan Moss

Selectmen of the Town of Princeton

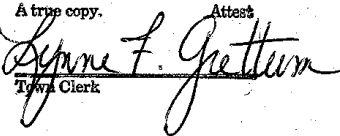
I have this day posted the above warrant at Bagg Hall, Mechanics Hall and Princeton Post Office.

Date: Sept. 27, 2011


Constable

A true copy.

Attest


Lynne F. Gettman
Town Clerk