

The Advisory Board hearing on this warrant will be held on Monday May 7, 2012 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 FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY 2012**, 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

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 FIFTEENTH DAY OF MAY, 2012** 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 (FY13), or take any other action relative thereto.

	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</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, ARRA SFFS grant 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 (FY13), or take any other action relative thereto.

This article establishes the FY13 operating budget for all town departments.

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

ARTICLE 3				
DEPARTMENT	FY12 BUDGET VOTED	FY13 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY13 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY13 AB RECOMMENDS
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Moderator				
Salary	25.00	25.00		
Expense	50.00	75.00		
Sub-Total	75.00		100.00	100.00
Board of Selectmen				
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
Annual Audit				
Expense	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00

DEPARTMENT	FY12 BUDGET VOTED	FY13 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY13 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY13 AB RECOMMENDS
Town Administrator				
Salary	88,496.00	90,266.00		
Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Sub-Total	90,996.00		92,766.00	92,766.00
Administrative Assistants				
Salaries	34,333.00	36,273.00		
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Sub-Total	35,833.00		37,773.00	37,773.00
Reserve Fund				
Expense	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Town Accountant				
Salary	25,319.00	27,913.00		
Expense	3,478.00	3,624.00		
Sub-Total	28,797.00		31,537.00	31,537.00
Board of Assessors				
Assessors Salaries	4,500.00	4,500.00		
Assessor Clerk Salary	19,173.00	19,556.00		
Principal Assessor Salary	27,397.00	27,945.00		
Info. Tech. Mgr. Salary	12,786.00	13,042.00		
Revaluation Salary	6,242.00	6,367.00		
Expense	22,582.00	10,582.00		
Sub-Total	92,680.00		81,992.00	81,992.00

DEPARTMENT	FY12 BUDGET VOTED	FY13 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY13 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY13 AB RECOMMENDS
Treasurer				
Salary	28,750.00	29,325.00		
Expense	7,800.00	7,800.00		
Sub-Total	36,550.00		37,125.00	37,125.00
Tax Collector				
Salary	39,332.00	40,119.00		
Expense	8,225.00	8,225.00		
Sub-Total	47,557.00		48,344.00	48,344.00
Town Counsel				
Expense	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Town Clerk				
Salary	31,649.00	32,282.00		
Certification	-	1,000.00		
Expenses	4,950.00	4,900.00		
Sub-Total	36,599.00		38,182.00	38,182.00
Elections & Registration				
Salaries	1,525.00	4,000.00		
Expense	4,485.00	5,640.00		
Sub-Total	6,010.00		9,640.00	9,640.00
Conservation Commission				
Salaries				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Sub-Total	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00

DEPARTMENT	FY12 BUDGET VOTED	FY13 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY13 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY13 AB RECOMMENDS
Planning Board				
Administrative Asst. Salary	14,761.00	16,936.00		
Expense	2,636.00	2,636.00		
Sub-Total	17,397.00		19,572.00	19,572.00
Board of Appeals				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Open Space Committee				
Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Agricultural Commission				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Building Operations				
Salaries	22,320.00	23,110.00		
Expense	53,095.00	53,095.00		
Sub-Total	75,415.00		76,205.00	76,205.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	555,934.00		561,236.00	561,236.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Police/Dispatch				
Police non-union Salaries	118,825.00	119,140.00		
Police Union Salaries	332,050.00	349,525.00		
Dispatch Union Salaries	193,201.00	201,111.00		
Expense	95,100.00	96,900.00		
Sub-Total	739,176.00		766,676.00	766,676.00

DEPARTMENT	FY12 BUDGET VOTED	FY13 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY13 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY13 AB RECOMMENDS
Fire Department				
Salaries	142,361.00	160,423.00		
Ambulance Readiness	36,000.00	64,000.00		
Vehicle Allowance; Chief	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Expense	75,471.00	92,489.00		
Emergency Management Exp.		2,340.00		
Sub-Total	256,832.00		322,252.00	322,252.00
Animal Control				
Animal Inspector Salary	500.00	500.00		
Animal Control Salary	8,811.00	8,987.00		
Expense	1,900.00	1,900.00		
Sub-Total	11,211.00		11,387.00	11,387.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:	1,007,219.00		1,100,315.00	1,100,315.00
SCHOOLS				
Wachusett Regional School				
Wachusett Min. Contribution	4,053,653.00	4,070,202.00		4,070,202.00
Operations Assessment	321,607.00	542,303.00		TBD
Transportation	225,823.00	205,208.00		205,208.00
Long Term Debt	235,696.00	234,173.00		234,173.00
Capital Program Assessment	-			
Environmental Clean-up	7,735.00	7,886.00		7,886.00
Sub-total	4,844,514.00		5,059,772.00	TBD
Montachusett Reg. Vocational	185,190.00	201,879.00	201,879.00	201,879.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	5,029,704.00		5,261,651.00	TBD

DEPARTMENT	FY12 BUDGET VOTED	FY13 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY13 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY13 AB RECOMMENDS
PUBLIC WORKS:				
Highway				
Salaries	299,773.00	306,120.00		
Expense	231,000.00	241,188.00		
Sub-Total	530,773.00		547,308.00	547,308.00
Snow/Ice Removal				
Expense	140,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00
Road Reconstruction	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
Street Lights				
Expense	9,746.00	9,575.00	9,575.00	9,575.00
Tree Warden				
Salary	1,388.00	1,416.00		
Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00		
Sub-Total	13,388.00		13,416.00	13,416.00
Cemeteries				
Salaries	17,965.00	18,324.00		
Expense	4,372.00	4,372.00		
Sub-Total	22,337.00		22,696.00	22,696.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	891,244.00		927,995.00	927,995.00
HUMAN SERVICES				
Council on Aging				
Salary	14,284.00	14,570.00		
Expense	1,700.00	1,700.00		
Sub-Total	15,984.00		16,270.00	16,270.00

DEPARTMENT	FY12 BUDGET VOTED	FY13 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY13 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY13 AB RECOMMENDS
Veterans Services				
Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Expense	6,765.00	6,765.00		
Sub-Total	8,265.00		8,265.00	8,265.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	24,249.00		24,535.00	24,535.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:				
Library				
Salaries	97,985.00	99,945.00		
Expense	53,857.00	54,360.00		
Sub-Total	151,842.00		154,305.00	154,305.00
Parks & Recreation				
Salaries	4,080.00	4,162.00		
Expense	4,100.00	4,100.00		
Sub-Total	8,180.00		8,262.00	8,262.00
Historical Commission				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Memorial Day				
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	163,022.00		165,567.00	165,567.00
DEBT & INTEREST:				
Library Renovation (Exterior)	32,310.00	31,155.00	31,155.00	31,155.00
Police Cruisers (1)	33,821.00	11,852.00	11,852.00	11,852.00
Fire Vehicle	-	13,031.00	13,031.00	13,031.00

DEPARTMENT	FY12 BUDGET VOTED	FY13 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY13 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY13 AB RECOMMENDS
DEBT & INTEREST:				
Bentley Purchase	45,290.00	43,820.00	43,820.00	43,820.00
General Interest	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Thomas Prince/PCBs	-	6,011.00	6,011.00	6,011.00
TOTAL DEBT	126,421.00		120,869.00	120,869.00
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Retirement	174,111.00	185,976.00	185,976.00	185,976.00
Life & Fringe	10,900.00	10,900.00	10,900.00	10,900.00
FICA/Medicare	35,400.00	35,400.00	35,400.00	35,400.00
Health Insurance	335,582.00	329,085.00	329,085.00	329,085.00
Town Insurance	135,000.00	149,000.00	149,000.00	149,000.00
Wachusett Earthday	1,278.00	1,148.00	1,148.00	1,148.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	692,271.00		711,509.00	711,509.00
GRAND TOTAL:	8,490,064.00		8,873,677.00	TBD

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to establish the FY13 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 FY13 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 FY13 ambulance-operating budget is \$49,940.00 for salary and \$44,273.00 for expenses for a total budget of \$94,213.00 any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article establishes the FY 13 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 establish the FY13 trash operating budget. Receipts for trash disposal services received in FY13 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 FY13 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 6: 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, 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 2012 Spending Limit	FY 2013 Spending Limit
Building Department	Bldg. Inspector Town Admin.	Fees from Bldg, Wiring, Fire and Plumbing Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$69,371	\$73,404
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	\$34,685	\$36,702
Parks and Recreation	Recreation Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Fees Collected from Recreational Programs	Maintenance of Parks	\$34,685	\$36,702
Princeton Center	Princeton Center Director, Town Admin.	Rental fees	Defray Operational & Maintenance Exp.	\$69,371	\$73,404
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	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Spending				\$252,112	\$264,212

ADVISORY BOARD APPROVES.

ARTICLE 7. 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 FY12 budget approved under Article 3 of the May 9, 2011 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action relative thereto.

This article relates to addressing the current year (FY12) 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 8. 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 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter II, Section 7 (Town Meetings) of the General Bylaws as follows:

Amend SECTION 7 by deleting the first sentence:

“The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any Town Meeting shall be three (3) percent of the voters as of the previous January 1st, but any number may adjourn any meeting to a stated time and place.”

And replacing it with the following new language:

“The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any Annual Town Meeting shall be three (3) percent of the voters as of the previous January 1st, and at any Special Town Meeting shall be two (2) percent of the voters as of the previous January 1st, but any number may adjourn any meeting to a stated time and place.”

Approval of this article reduces the number of voters necessary for a Special Town Meeting to be called to order to conduct its business.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by the following:

Deleting the second sentence in Section VI(1)(B) and substituting “Frontage shall be computed along the edge of the property line where it borders the street right of way line.”;

Deleting Section VI(1)(D) and substituting “No structure or part thereof in any district shall be so located as to extend within fifty (50) feet of a property line where it borders the street right of way line, except that this shall not apply to uncovered steps.”

Deleting the first sentence in Section VI(1)(G) and substituting “For any lot created after the adoption of this section, the width of the lot between the property line where it borders the street right of way line and the nearest part of the principal building to be constructed on the lot shall be not less than fifty (50) feet.”

Deleting in Section X the definition of “Yard, front” and substituting “Yard, front: A yard extending the full width of the lot and situated between the property line where it borders the street right of way line and the nearest point of the building.”

Or to take any other action thereon.

*The proposed changes are to clarify inconsistent language when referring to the property line adjacent to the street and were requested by the Building Inspector. **Approval requires a 2/3 vote.***

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 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 2/3 vote is required** to appropriate funds to or from any Stabilization account. As of 4/17/12 the Board of Selectmen plans to propose adding \$50,000 to General Stabilization and \$75,000 to Infrastructure Stabilization.*

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Infrastructure Stabilization account 85-5-041-000 the sum of \$225,000 to pay all or a portion of the debt authorized by the action of the October 11, 2011 Special Town Meeting under Article 6 to fund expenses related to hazardous waste abatement at the Thomas Prince School, 170 Sterling Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Approval of this article by the **required 2/3 vote** allows of use of Infrastructure Stabilization funds (Balance as of March 12, 2012 is \$709,406.74. Town Meeting is also being asked to transfer funds into Infrastructure Stabilization under Article 11 of this Warrant.) prior to retiring the temporary financing and borrowing long term.*

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the General Stabilization account # 83-5-100-000 a sum of money to fund transportation expenses related to the hazardous waste abatement at the Thomas Prince School, 170 Sterling Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Approval of this article by the **required 2/3 vote** allows of use of General Stabilization funds to pay the unanticipated expense of transporting Grades 3-5 Thomas Prince School students to the Glenwood School in Rutland while the PCB project at Thomas Prince occurred. The balance of the fund as of March 26, 2012 is \$152,554.51. Town Meeting is also being asked to transfer funds into General Stabilization under Article 11 of this Warrant.*

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$755.16 to pay departmental bills from previous years or take any other action relative thereto.

*Approval of this article by the **required 4/5 vote** pays a bill from Fiscal 2010 recently discovered to be unpaid.*

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$90,597 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.

Approval of this article 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.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 16. 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.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 17. 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 to fund expenses associated with environmental issues with any town-owned property or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of this article maintains a source of funds to make response to ongoing and/or unexpected environmental issues.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$18,500 to purchase for public safety purposes a repeater radio and any related equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

The present repeater was purchased in 1997 and is reaching the end of its useful life. This is a critical component of public safety communication that needs replacement.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the fund established under Mass. General Law Chapter 44, section 53C for off-duty or special detail work, or take any action relative thereto.

This article provides “seed money” in order for police officers to be paid more quickly than by the current practice for detail work. Inclusion of this article results from the recently completed collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Police Officers’ Union.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$19,000 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. A similar article was approved by the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting. 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. Approval of this article completes this replacement program.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to provide for fire pond upgrades and construction of new fire ponds by the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

This is a proposed year one of a five year plan to improve fire protection.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$30,000 to either rebuild the fire pump on Engine 5 or purchase a used fire engine to replace Engine 5, or take any action relative thereto.

The present Engine 5 is a 1993 International/Central Falls pumper. The pump testing company has advised the Fire Department that the pump may not pass its next required annual inspection

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 23. 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 24. 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.

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 on this April 23, 2012

A true copy, ATTEST:

Lynne F. Grettum, Town Clerk

Raymond A. Dennehy, III, Chairman

Seal

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: _____, 2012

Constable