

TOWN OF PRINCETON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

**TOWN MEETING AT
THOMAS PRINCE SCHOOL**

**7:00 PM
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013**



Princeton Advisory Board Report

AB Members

John W. Shipman, Chair
George Handy
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The Advisory Board is primarily responsible for submitting recommendations on all articles and particularly the annual budget to the Princeton Annual Town Meeting. The AB members participate in developing the budget. It consults with the Select Board, the Town Administrator and the town departments.

Advisory Board members met a number of times in 2012 and 2013 to review departmental budgets, capital requests and anticipated town borrowing requirements and to review and vote on articles in the town warrant.

Some significant topics analyzed in the proposed FY14 operating budget:

- The reduction of the Wachusett Regional School District assessment to the town of \$760,485.
- Highway Department request for an additional employee and an additional \$20,000 for the snow and ice budget.
- As a result of a wage study done this year, wage adjustments were implemented for some town employees. Part time assistant positions were added for Treasurer/Tax Collector (FY13) and Cemetery Assistant (FY14). Some budget adjustments were made in various Administrative Assistant budgets to more accurately reflect work performed (no change to overall costs).
- An additional \$50,000 for Princeton roads reconstruction.
- Continued funding of the OPEB (retiree health insurance) liability and a mandated adjustment to retirement funding.
- **Overall, proposed budget reduction is \$412,563. or 4.7 % under FY13. This results in a projected decrease of the tax rate from \$17.43 to \$16.39, a decrease of the average tax bill from \$5,303 to \$4,966 (\$337 or – 6.4%).**

Special Articles (from free cash and/or available funds – no tax impact projected):

- Rt. 140 East Princeton reconstruction -- 2nd phase engineering study (\$190,000).
- Consultant fees for the Planning Board for the Worcester Road Village project (\$3,840).
- Development of a high-speed internet system and upgrades. \$10,000 for design and installation and \$14,000 for high-speed internet equipment and to connect the Town Hall, Public Safety Building and Library.
- Town building engineering study (\$25,000).
- Continue funding for our Stabilization accounts.

Respectfully,

John W. Shipman, Chair
Princeton Advisory Board

The Advisory Board hearing on this warrant will be held on Tuesday May 7, 2013 at 6:00p.m. in the Town Hall Annex

**TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 14, 2013**

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 14th day of May, 2013.

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M. 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 (FY14), or take any other action relative thereto.

	<u>FY13</u>	<u>FY14</u>
Moderator	\$ 25	\$ 25
Selectmen	\$1,500	\$1,500
Assessors	\$4,500	\$4,500

This article establishes the salaries of paid elected officials

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, including transferring from available funds, Massachusetts School Building Authority reimbursements, 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 (FY14), or take any other action relative thereto.

This article establishes the FY14 operating budget for all town departments.

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

ARTICLE 3

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Moderator				
Salary	25.00	25.00		
Expense	75.00	75.00		
Sub-Total	100.00		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
Town Administrator				
Salary	90,266.00	92,071.00		
Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Sub-Total	92,766.00		94,571.00	94,571.00
Administrative Assistants				
Salaries	36,273.00	25,000.00		
Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Sub-Total	37,773.00		26,500.00	26,500.00
Reserve Fund				
Expense	50,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
Town Accountant				
Salary	27,913.00	29,164.00		
Expense	3,624.00	3,730.00		
Sub-Total	31,537.00		32,894.00	32,894.00
Board of Assessors				
Assessors Salaries	4,500.00	4,500.00		
Assessor Clerk Salary	19,556.00	19,800.00		
Principal Assessor Salary	27,945.00	28,504.00		
Info. Tech. Mgr. Salary	13,042.00	13,303.00		
Revaluation Salary	6,367.00	6,494.00		
Expense	10,582.00	12,582.00		
Sub-Total	81,992.00		85,183.00	85,183.00
Treasurer				
Salary	29,325.00	30,015.00		
Expense	7,800.00	7,800.00		
Sub-Total	37,125.00		37,815.00	37,815.00
Tax Collector				
Salary	40,119.00	42,224.00		
Expense	8,225.00	8,370.00		
Sub-Total	48,344.00		50,594.00	50,594.00
Town Counsel				
Expense	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
Town Clerk				
Salary	32,282.00	33,692.00		
Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Expenses	4,900.00	5,000.00		
Sub-Total	38,182.00		39,692.00	39,692.00
Elections & Registration				
Salaries	4,000.00	1,400.00		
Expense	5,640.00	2,850.00		
Sub-Total	9,640.00		4,250.00	4,250.00
Conservation Commission				
Salaries				
Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Sub-Total	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Planning Board				
Administrative Asst. Salary	16,936.00	18,043.00		
Expense	2,636.00	2,636.00		
Sub-Total	19,572.00		20,679.00	20,679.00
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

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
Town Building Operations				
Salaries	23,110.00	27,200.00		
Expense	53,095.00	53,095.00		
Sub-Total	76,205.00		80,295.00	80,295.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	561,236.00		570,573.00	570,573.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Police/Dispatch				
Police non-union Salaries	119,140.00	121,855.00		121,855.00
Police Union Salaries	349,525.00	386,269.00		383,148.00
Dispatch Union Salaries	201,111.00	205,589.00		205,589.00
Expense	96,900.00	96,900.00		96,900.00
Sub-Total	766,676.00		810,613.00	807,492.00
Fire Department				
Salaries	160,423.00	167,235.00		
Ambulance Readiness	64,000.00	64,000.00		
Vehicle Allowance; Chief	3,000.00			
Expense	92,489.00	92,489.00		
Emergency Management Exp.	2,340.00	2,340.00		
Sub-Total	322,252.00		326,064.00	326,064.00
Animal Control				
Animal Inspector Salary	500.00	500.00		
Animal Control Salary	8,987.00	9,167.00		
Expense	1,900.00	1,900.00		
Sub-Total	11,387.00		11,567.00	11,567.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:	1,100,315.00		1,148,244.00	1,145,123.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	AB RECOMMENDS
	BUDGET			
	VOTED			
SCHOOLS				
Wachusett Regional School				
Wachusett Min. Contribution	4,070,202.00	3,406,461.00		
Operations Assessment	468,846.00	459,586.00		
Transportation	205,208.00	174,965.00		
Long Term Debt	234,173.00	198,706.00		
Environmental Clean-up	7,886.00	6,225.00		
Sub-total	4,986,315.00		4,245,943.00	4,245,943.00
Montachusett Reg. Vocational	201,879.00	181,770.00	181,770.00	181,770.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	5,188,194.00		4,427,713.00	4,427,713.00
PUBLIC WORKS:				
Highway				
Salaries	306,120.00	350,085.00		
Expense	241,188.00	267,058.00		
Sub-Total	547,308.00		617,143.00	617,143.00
Snow/Ice Removal				
Expense	160,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00
Road Reconstruction	175,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00
Street Lights				
Expense	9,575.00	9,614.00	9,614.00	9,614.00
Tree Warden				
Salary	1,416.00	1,444.00		
Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00		
Sub-Total	13,416.00		13,444.00	13,444.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
Cemeteries				
Salaries	18,324.00	26,406.00		
Expense	4,372.00	4,372.00		
Sub-Total	22,696.00		30,778.00	30,778.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	927,995.00		1,075,979.00	1,075,979.00
HUMAN SERVICES				
Council on Aging				
Salary	14,570.00	14,862.00		
Expense	1,700.00	1,700.00		
Sub-Total	16,270.00		16,562.00	16,562.00
Veterans Services				
Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Expense	6,765.00	6,825.00		
Sub-Total	8,265.00		8,325.00	8,325.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	24,535.00		24,887.00	24,887.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:				
Library				
Salaries	99,945.00	100,282.00		
Expense	54,360.00	58,860.00		
Sub-Total	154,305.00		159,142.00	159,142.00
Parks & Recreation				
Salaries	4,162.00	4,269.00		
Expense	4,100.00	4,100.00		
Sub-Total	8,262.00		8,369.00	8,369.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
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	165,567.00		170,511.00	170,511.00

DEBT & INTEREST:

Library Renovation (Exterior)	31,155.00	-	-	-
Police Cruisers (2)	11,852.00	25,185.00	25,185.00	25,185.00
Fire Vehicle	13,031.00	14,512.00	14,512.00	14,512.00
Bentley Purchase	43,820.00	42,350.00	42,350.00	42,350.00
General Interest/Borrowing Fees	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Thomas Prince/Green Repair		28,476.00	28,476.00	28,476.00
Thomas Prince/PCBs	6,011.00	40,625.00	40,625.00	40,625.00
TOTAL DEBT	120,869.00		166,148.00	166,148.00
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Retirement	185,976.00	222,414.00	222,414.00	222,414.00
Life & Fringe	10,900.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
FICA/Medicare	35,400.00	36,995.00	36,995.00	36,995.00

DEPARTMENT	FY13 BUDGET VOTED	FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY14 Sub-Total To Be Voted On	FY14 AB RECOMMENDS
Health Insurance	329,085.00	345,800.00	345,800.00	345,800.00
Town Insurance	149,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00
Wachusett Earthday	1,148.00	1,393.00	1,393.00	1,393.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	711,509.00		803,602.00	803,602.00
GRAND TOTAL:	8,800,220.00		8,387,657.00	8,384,536.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Amendment of Section 1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013 by deleting the existing Section 1. Members of the Regional District School Committee, subparagraphs 1.1. through 1.6. inclusive and by substituting therein the following language:

Section 1. MEMBERS OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1.1. The Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall consist of members from each participating town, each such member to be a registered voter of the town that the member represents. The Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members with representation as follows:

Holden	Four (4) members
Paxton	Two (2) members
Princeton	Two (2) members
Rutland	Two (2) members
Sterling	Two (2) members

Each committee member shall be entitled to one weighted vote at all committee meetings.

1.2. ALLOCATION OF PROPORTIONAL WEIGHTED VOTES FOR MEMBERS AND TOWNS.

The total voting value for members from each town represented on the Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall be in proportion to the population of the member town compared to the total population of all member towns combined. Population data shall be the latest annual official Town census, as certified by the Town Clerk of each of the member towns. The calculated total voting value for a member town shall be equally divided amongst the elected members from the member town to determine the assigned weighted voting factor for individual committee members of the member town.

The calculated weighted voting factors for each member and town based upon the 2012 Town census figures are set forth in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Town	2012 Census Population [Towns]	Percentage of Combined Population	K-12 Committee Members	Weight Member	Weight Town
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Holden	18,568	43.18%	4	10.80%	43.20%
Paxton	4,590	10.68%	2	5.34%	10.68%
Princeton	3,562	8.28%	2	4.14%	8.28%
Rutland	8,787	20.44%	2	10.22%	20.44%
Sterling	<u>7,488</u>	<u>17.42%</u>	<u>2</u>	8.71%	<u>17.42%</u>
TOTALS:	42,995	100%	12		100%

1.3. Such allocation of weighted votes shall be reviewed, and adjusted if necessary, annually on or before July 1st. The allocation of weighted votes will be so calculated as to have all representatives from a member town assigned the same vote value.

1.4. With the exception of the terms of office of the existing membership of the Committee, the Committee membership shall remain constant at twelve (12) members.

Downsizing of the current Committee (22) will be accomplished by reducing by half the number of open seats rounded up to the next whole number for a member town at each town election until the member town attains the required number of seats as set forth in Table 1. Should a member resign and the Town is still above the required number of seats, that seat shall be eliminated as of the effective date of the resignation.

1.5. Each member's voting weight will be calculated on a yearly basis as of July 1st of any given year in accordance with the Member Towns' annual census. Should a member resign and the position will not be replaced due to downsizing, or after an election where the size of the Committee is reduced, the weight of votes will be recalculated immediately.

1.6. The District shall annually request and obtain from the Town Clerks official annual census figures before July 1st of each year. The District shall give written notice to the Board of Selectmen of the member towns of any resulting changes in the voting allocation of any member town.

1.7. The method of nomination or election of the members to the Wachusett Regional District School Committee from a member town shall be the same as candidates for an elective office in the member town. All members shall be elected for a three (3) year term. If a vacancy occurs in the Wachusett Regional District School Committee, or if there is a failure to elect, the Selectmen of the member town to which the vacancy relates shall fill the vacancy by appointment. The person so appointed shall be a registered voter of such town and shall perform the duties of the office until such town's next annual meeting and his successor is qualified; at such annual meeting a successor shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

1.8. Weighing the votes of Committee Members according to the population of the Town they represent shall be effective at the first organizational meeting of the Committee after the approval of the Amendments by the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District. A majority of the Members' weighted vote shall constitute a quorum of the full School Committee and not a majority of its members.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is on file with the office of the Town Clerk, or act or do anything relative thereto.

This article changes the size of the Wachusett Regional School Committee to a fixed number of twelve (presently twenty-two) and establishes weighted voting proportional to each Member Town's population.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Amendment of Section 9, Annual Report, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by adding the following sentence:

"When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge." so that Section 9 reads as follows:

The District shall submit to each of the Member Towns an annual report containing a detailed financial statement and a statement showing the methods by which the annual charges assessed against each town were computed, together with such additional information relating to the operation and maintenance of such schools as may be deemed necessary by the Committee or by the Selectboard of any Member Town. When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is on file with the office of the Town Clerk, or act or do anything relative thereto.

This article provides that when requested by a Member Town the School District's budget documents will be provided in electronic format at no charge.

Advisory Board Approves

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Amendment of Section 14.1. of Section 14, Amendments, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, as follows:

Amend Section 14.1 by deleting the number "five (5)" and inserting the number "three (3)" so that the Section reads as follows:

The Wachusett Regional School District Agreement shall be reviewed every three (3) years by the Committee. The Committee shall hold a public hearing to receive comment and proposed changes from the citizens of the Member Towns. The Committee shall prepare and submit a written report to the Selectboards of the Member Towns.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is on file with the office of the Town Clerk, or act or do anything relative thereto.

This article changes the frequency of the required review of the Regional School District Agreement from every five years to every three years.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Amendment of Section 14.2. of Section 14, Amendments, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by deleting the name "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education" in Section 14.2. and inserting the name "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education" so that Section 14.2 reads as follows:

This Agreement may be amended by recommendation of the Committee and approval of Member Towns of the District by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting provided that not more than one Member Town disagrees and subject to the approval by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. No such amendment shall be made which shall substantially impair the rights of the holders of any bonds or notes of the District then outstanding or the rights of the District to procure the means for payment thereof; provided, that this provision shall not prevent the admission of new towns to the District and the reapportionment accordingly of that part of the cost of construction represented by bonds or notes of the District then outstanding and of interest thereon (Chapter 116 of the Acts of 1951).

A copy of the proposed Amendment is on file with the office of the Town Clerk, or act or do anything relative thereto.

This article acknowledges the name change of the state agency with which the District principally interacts.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Amendment of Section 17. Lease of Schools of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by adding a new Section 17.7 which reads as follows:

17.7. Each maintenance agreement shall have a provision for the emergency use of school buildings and an annual maintenance audit upon renewal.

This article provides that school buildings may be used by the Member Towns for emergency use and for an annual maintenance audit.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 to provide for Network Design Engineering for a High Speed Internet System.

Approval of this article funds the design of a high speed internet system. The Network Design is necessary to establish accurate estimates of the cost to install such a system.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications and Cable, a municipal lighting plant including without limitation the operation of the telecommunications system and any related services, or take any action relative thereto.

This article is a necessary component of the program under the development of the Broadband Committee to establish a High-Speed Internet System in Princeton. State law requires that a municipal lighting plant (MLP) is the entity that may borrow with Town Meeting approval to establish such a system. Two Town Meetings must approve this article. Should Town Meeting approve this article, a future Town Meeting must consider the matter again to establish the MLP. The second vote must take place at least two months after but not more than thirteen months after the original vote.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,000 to equip Community Access Institutions to connect to the Mass Broadband Initiative network, or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of this article provides for the necessary infrastructure installation and upgrades in order for Town Hall, Public Safety Building and Library to connect to the Mass. Broadband Initiative system being installed through a state program in 2013.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund according to Massachusetts General Laws c. 71, §16G½ for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District.

This article is a vote to establish a Stabilization Fund for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. Similar warrant articles must pass a majority of the eighteen Member Towns in order for the fund to be established.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish the FY14 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 FY14 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 FY14 ambulance-operating budget is \$50,939.00 for salary and \$44,273.00 for expenses for a total budget of \$95,212.00 any balance in said account to be carried forward to subsequent years, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article establishes the FY 14 receipts reserved for appropriation account from which ambulance operating expenses will be paid.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to establish the FY14 trash operating budget. Receipts for trash disposal services received in FY14 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 FY14 trash-operating budget is \$60,000, of which \$50,000 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 15: 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, 2013, or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 2013 Spending Limit	FY 2014 Spending Limit
Building Department	Bldg. Inspector Town Admin.	Fees from Bldg, Wiring, Fire and Plumbing Permits	To Pay Administrative & Inspector Salary & Expenses	\$73,404	\$76,017
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	\$36,702	\$38,008
Parks and Recreation	Recreation Comm. Chairman, Town Admin.	Fees Collected from Recreational Programs	Maintenance of Parks	\$36,702	\$38,008
Princeton Center	Princeton Center Director, Town Admin.	Rental fees	Defray Operational & Maintenance Exp.	\$73,404	\$76,017
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				\$264,212	\$272,050

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 reallocate among certain line items within the FY13 budget approved under Article 3 of the May 15, 2012 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action relative thereto.

This article relates to addressing the current year (FY13) general fund budget. The intended funding will be inter/intra departmental transfers presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/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 4/29/13 the Board of Selectmen plans to propose adding \$84,487 to General Stabilization.*

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 pay departmental bills from previous years or take any other action relative thereto.

*Approval of this article by the **required 4/5 vote** pays ny bills from previous fiscal years recently discovered to be unpaid.*

Advisory Board Opinion to be Determined

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$84,274 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 20. 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, Account #03-5-192-204 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, Account 03-5-192-205, 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 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for Playground Equipment at the Thomas Prince School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Advisory Board Opinion to be Determined

Approval of this article provides a portion of the funding to replace the twenty-five plus year old existing structure that is in poor condition with damaged equipment for which replacement parts are no longer available.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to fund a Facilities Study of town buildings, or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of this article funds a study of town-owned buildings to identify building system issues, establish their magnitude and to create an order of the priority in which to address them. The Thomas Prince School and Mechanics Hall are excluded.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Cemetery Lots account # 27-5-491-000 to the Cemetery Maintenance Expense account # 27-5-491-780 for the care and improvement of town cemeteries, including but not limited to, road improvements at North Cemetery, lot markers, and the stabilization of Woodlawn Cemetery, 1986 extension, or take any other action relative thereto.

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.

ARTICLE 24. 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 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of 190,000 to fund the second phase of engineering and design services related to the East Princeton Rt 140 Reconstruction, or take any other action relative thereto.

Approval of this article provides for continued engineering and design for the East Princeton/Route 140 project. Additional funding will be sought at a future Town Meeting.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 26. 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 \$35,000 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 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,840 to be used by the Planning Board for consultant fees associated with its Worcester Road Village project.

Advisory Board Approves.

Approval of this article allows the Planning Board to hire necessary consultants to assist with its Worcester Road Village project.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,000 to purchase for public safety purposes Police Officer hand guns and any related equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

Approval of this article will allow the Police Department to purchase new hand guns and their holsters for the scheduled replacement of officers' weapons. There is a trade-in of approximately \$6,000 associated with this transaction.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 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 three of a five year plan to improve fire protection.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 30. 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. This is the second appropriation for this purpose in an effort to accumulate funds for the eventual purchase.

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 31. 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.

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

Advisory Board Approves.

ARTICLE 32. 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.

This article funds the summer concerts on the Town Common.

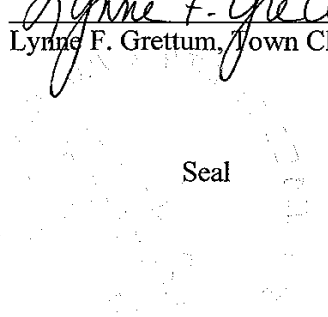
Advisory Board Approves.

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 May 1st, 2013

A true copy, ATTEST:


Lynne F. Grettum
Lynne F. Grettum, Town Clerk

Seal

Edith M. Morgan
Edith M. Morgan, Chairman

Neil A. Sulmasy
Neil A. Sulmasy, Clerk

Stan Moss
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: May, 2, 2013

[Signature]
Constable