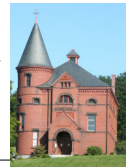




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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board has several "fast-track" items moving ahead. Resulting from a recommendation from the Public Safety Committee, the Board seeks to implement a transition to a Full-time Fire Chief position. We recently appointed a Screening Committee to conduct initial interviews and make recommendations for our consideration.

The Green Repair Project to replace the roof, the boilers, and some of the windows at the Thomas Prince School received the necessary support from Town Meeting and the voters to proceed. The project is presently in its design stages; bidding is expected to take place this summer.

In early fall the project will begin with phased completions currently targeted for the winter of 2012.

There are also evaluations being made to the roofs of the Public Safety Building and Fire Station 2 (Rt. 140 and Beaman Rd) to determine whether repair or replacement of each are the preferable options.

Treasurer Wendy Graves gave notice in January to become the Collector-Treasurer of Taunton. The Board hired Jim Dunbar as the new Princeton Treasurer. Jim previously was Treasurer in Brookfield and continues as Treasurer in Hubbardston and to the Wachusett School District.



Administrative Asst. Marcia Sands became Asst. Collector-Treasurer in Lancaster in June. She will continue to support the Highway Department for part of a day a week. Administrative Asst. Brenda Savoie's hours expand to assume Marcia's other duties, including that of Asst. Town Clerk.

Raymond Dennehy, Edie Morgan, Stan Moss

Board of Selectmen

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Congregate Senior Lunch**, Every Tuesday at Noon at Princeton Center. Reserve by 10 AM Monday for next day. Gaile Rollins, 978-464-5977, coa@town.princeton.ma.us.
- **Preliminary Fiscal 2012 Property Tax Bills**, Mailed early July, due by Monday October 3, 2011. Bonnie Schmohl, Tax Collector, 978-464-2101, bschmohl@town.princeton.ma.us
- **Concert To Benefit Library Stained Glass Windows Restoration**, Saturday Sept. 10. Details being developed. Wendy Pape, Library Director, 978-464-2115, library@town.princeton.ma.us
- **Wachusett Recycling Center** Wednesdays 2-4 PM and Third Sat. of month from 8-11 AM. Next Household Hazardous Waste Day will be Saturday, September 17, 2011. Colleen Abrams, 508-829-3954, <http://wachusettearthday.org/>
- **Farmers' Market** is every Thursday, 3:30-6:30 PM on the Common.



WACHUSETT FOOD PANTRY

Since January, the Town Hall is a drop-off location for the pantry. Items will be delivered monthly. Summer

is a tough time for the Pantry to stay stocked up and children can no longer count on their school lunch to fill the void. Please put a bag together before you leave for your vacation this summer. Items sought include: **Unexpired** Canned Soup, Stew, Chilli; Dry/

Canned Pasta; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Fruits/Vegetables; Pet Food; Canned Tuna/Chicken/Salmon; Peanut Butter & Jelly; Cereal, Crackers, Rice & Beans; Spaghetti Sauce; Diapers, Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste, Razors, Sunscreen, Bug Spray.

Bagg Hall Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8-4
(individual dept. hours vary)

Evenings

Town Clerk, Tues. 5-7 PM
Tax Collector, Tues. 7-8PM
Building Insp., Wed. 5-7PM



NOTES FROM BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Planning Board:

Looking for input as it develops its work plan for FY 12.

Please email ideas to

bsvoie@town.princeton.ma.us. **Road Advisory Committee:** Working on plans to make improvements to portions of Hubbardston and Worcester Roads; seeking a state grant to improve a portion of Mirick Rd. **Board of Assessors:** Patrick Harring's on-site inspections of all private property as required by Dept. of Revenue have resumed and will continue through the summer. **Agricultural Commission:** Working with Wachusett Meadow and Princeton Arts Society

on Annual Hey Day Celebration, Sat. Oct. 1 (rain date Oct. 2) at Wach. Meadow.

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Seeking donations to Princeton Community Trust, to benefit Princeton residents in need and donations to scholarship trust funds that benefit Princeton students. John Lebeaux, 978-464-2102,

jlebeaux@town.princeton.ma.us.

Historical Commission

and Princeton Center

Management Committee:

Have requested Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis assign a Community Service Program team of supervised prisoners to assist with Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery graves restoration project and building improvements in Princeton Center. Expected in September, 2011. **Thomas Prince School Green Repair Building Committee:** Roof, window, boiler project scheduled to go out to bid August, 2011 with work to begin in September.

NOTES FROM TOWN DEPARTMENTS

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Police: Off. Rick Thebeau solved a series of 5 car breaks in May; charges filed. The Police Department reminds residents and businesses to continue keeping their homes and vehicles secure. Former Part-time Off. Paul Quinn has rejoined the Department; Tyler Russell is a new Part-time Dispatcher. **Tax Collector:** UniPay Gold, the online tax payment system

has been improved! One may choose to set up an Account Profile that will streamline payment of tax bills, allow scheduling for automatic reminders and payments. The Property Tax Bill sent in July is sent to owner of record last Jan. 1. If you don't receive your bill, please contact Bonnie Schmohl, Tax Collector, 978-464-2101, bschmohl@town.princeton.ma.us

Parks & Rec: Summer basketball July 11th through August. Swim lessons and pool passes available for Rutland Town Pool. Several camps and programs planned throughout the summer: golf, tennis, archery, horseback riding. All the details and registration forms are at http://town.princeton.ma.us/Pages/PrincetonMA_Recreation/index.



Many thanks to the Memorial Day Committee for another very well run event, and a special thank you to 15 year member Patsy Mollica who has chosen to leave the Committee.

OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE!

How does one serve on a town board?

In addition to the elected public bodies of the Town, there is a large number that have appointed members.

The elected Board of Selectmen is the appointing authority for all the volunteer appointed boards, committees, and commissions. Over one

hundred of your fellow townspeople offer their time and energy to help keep Princeton the wonderful town it is...and to make it even better!

Want to help out? There are currently vacancies on the following public bodies: Capital Improvement Planning Committee, Cemetery Com-

mission, Council on Aging, Historical Commission, Memorial Day Committee, Open Space Committee, Personnel Board, and Princeton Center Management Committee.

Interested or have a question? Send your Email to the Selectmen at: selectmen@town.princeton.ma.us, call 978-464-2102, or send USPS Mail to 6 Town Hall Dr.