



RESOLUTION 21-147

Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Preserve New Jersey Capital Level II Grant Application for the Project Entitled “Rehabilitation of a Historic Stone Arch Bridge at the Mountain Lakes Preserve”, Committing to the Dedication of up to \$500,000.00 in Matching Funds, and Authorizing Municipal Representatives to Sign the Assurances Documentation

WHEREAS, the seventy-eight acre Billy Johnson Mountain Lakes Preserve (Preserve) is owned by the Municipality of Princeton and maintained by the Friends of Princeton Open Space (FOPOS) for public passive recreation opportunities including hiking on its miles of trails; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton Ice Company (ID#4716), a designated historic site on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, operated an ice production, harvesting and storage operation within the lands now encompassed by the Preserve in the late 1800s and early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 and 2013, the former Township of Princeton undertook an award-winning multi-million-dollar project to dredge two lakes and reconstruct the Upper Setting Pond Dam, the Upper Mountain Lakes concrete and argillite Dam, and the Lower Earthen Dam at the Preserve; and

WHEREAS, there is a concrete and argillite Arched Footbridge (Footbridge) on the Preserve’s Red Trail that was not individually listed as a contributing resource when the Princeton Ice Company was designated as a historic site; however, it appears to use the same materials and construction methods employed in the historic Upper Mountain Lakes concrete and argillite Dam; and

WHEREAS, the Footbridge has been identified to be in structurally poor condition due to varying degrees of erosion at the arched bridge footings, substandard parapets, leaning and / or

misaligned spandrel walls, and other surficial mortar issues; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2021, the Municipality of Princeton contracted with French & Parrello Associates, P.A., the consulting firm which designed the Mountain Lakes Dams reconstruction project, to prepare the permitting and construction plans for the rehabilitation of the Footbridge; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Princeton seeks to offset some of the estimated design and construction costs associated with the rehabilitation of the Footbridge through the acquisition of grant funds from the New Jersey Historic Trust Preserve New Jersey Capital Level II Historic Preservation Fund program; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Princeton commits to providing the required minimum 1:1 match to the Level II grant funds up to \$500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the open space account 12-201-20-125-254; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton Historic Preservation Commission endorsed the submittal of a grant application entitled “Rehabilitation of a Historic Stone Arch Bridge at the Mountain Lakes Preserve” for this Footbridge at its meeting on April 19, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Municipality of Princeton as follows:

1. The Municipal Engineer is authorized to file a New Jersey Historic Trust Preserve New Jersey Capital Level II Historic Preservation Fund grant application for the project entitled “Rehabilitation of a Historic Stone Arch Bridge at the Mountain Lakes Preserve”.

2. The Mayor and Municipal Engineer are authorized and directed to sign the assurances and acknowledge the certification contained in said assurances.

3. The Mayor and Municipal Engineer are authorized to execute such other agreements on behalf of the Municipality of Princeton, as may be required for submittal of the grant application and execution of future grant agreements in connection herewith.

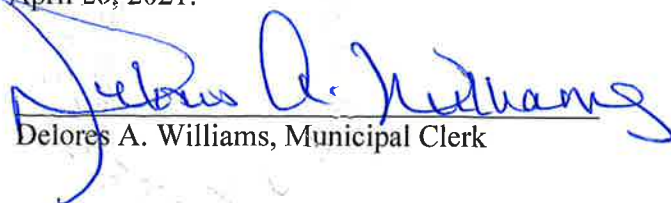
4. The required minimum 1:1 match (up to \$500,000.00) to the request grant funds is hereby appropriated out of the municipal Open Space account to pay for the “Rehabilitation of a Historic Stone Arch Bridge at the Mountain Lakes Preserve” within the required grant timeframe.

5. The Footbridge shall be nominated as a contributing resource to the Princeton Ice Company historic site as required.

6. The Municipality shall abide by “The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards the for Treatment of Historic Properties With Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings” in performing funded work.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X		X	X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang		X	X		X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X			X			
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Williamson		X			X			
Mayor Freda		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held April 26, 2021.


 Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- Council memo 4-26-2021 (DOCX)