

**MINUTES**  
**PRINCETON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**November 16, 2015**  
**Conference Room A**  
**Witherspoon Municipal Building**

**Present:** Robert Altman, Nat Bottigheimer, Jenny Crumiller (Council liaison), Amner Deleon, Pam Hersh. Robert Kiser (Engineering liaison), Surinder Sharma, Deanna Stockton (Princeton Engineering), Jack West (Princeton Engineering), Ralph Widner. **Absent:** Kristin Appelget (Princeton University liaison), Sam Bunting, Sgt. Tom Murray (Police Department liaison), Marvin Reed (Planning Board liaison). **Guests:** Gregg Hand, Nancy Schreiber (Valley Road).

The meeting convened at 5:17 p.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting.**

Surinder Sharma moved, and Chairman Altman seconded that the minutes for the meeting on October 19, 2015 be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Comments from the Public**

Gregg Hand recommended that there be a careful study of possibilities to calm traffic on Valley Road since he is convinced that the new traffic light at U.S. 206 will increase the number of vehicles using the road to transit between Harrison and State Road. He admitted that speed humps are not the solution because of the problems they present for EMS vehicles. He also advised that “bump outs” are not a solution either because of the configuration of Valley Road at several points.

Jenny Crumiller asked if there had been any impact studies in connection with the new light’s installation. Bob Kiser replied that there was not. He added that it is not clear how many vehicles will choose Terhune rather than Valley, but that NJ DOT is the agency that decides whether to undertake an impact study.

It was agreed that the traffic situation should be monitored after the light is installed to determine whether it creates problems on Valley and Terhune. Surinder Sharma suggested that this might be a good spot in which to use the new “Your speed is...” signs.

**3. Loading Zones and Valet Parking**

In response to a request from Council, Chairman Altman submitted an analysis he and the staff developed concerning loading zones that might be appropriate and practical sites at which Council could authorize valet parking. The analysis is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Nat Bottigheimer asked whether it might not be more efficacious to use tiered pricing for parking. Chairman Altman responded that the paper just responds to the Council's specific request for an analysis of loading zones or other locations that might be appropriate at which to authorize valet parking. Jenny Crumiller asked why sites on Witherspoon were not recommended. Chairman Altman responded that they didn't meet the length requirements.

Ralph Widner moved that the analysis be forwarded to Council. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### **4. Report on the Bicycle Master Plan.**

Deanna Stockton reported that the first public session with the consultant was held last Thursday and was quite successful. Jenny Crumiller spoke. Some critics complained that the process is too skewed toward the bicycle community.

Ralph Widner commented that the process on this and other matters has been backward. Instead of providing for full community participation in planning the initiative at the start, so that the full implications are understood and agreed to, we adopted the "Complete Streets" policy that everyone agreed to in the abstract, but once efforts to implement it began, resistance developed because residents didn't want some aspects of the initiative implemented in their own neighborhood, e.g. Hamilton Avenue.

Nancy Schreiber spoke up as a member of the public. She said she doesn't want to be categorized as part of a special group of people opposed to improvements for bicycles, but that she and her neighbors should have been part of the planning process "up front." She said that Princeton is a friendly town in which we all share common interests and that we should all take part in decisions of this kind.

Deanna Stockton pointed out that this is precisely the process that is now underway with the bicycle plan and that everyone is invited to take part. Announcements of three forthcoming focus group sessions that begin December 2 have been posted. She invited all interested residents to take part.

#### **5. Bus Shelter Funding Approved**

Bob Kiser and Pam Hersh reported that the Mass Transit Trust Fund trustees have approved the committee's \$50,000 grant request to modify five bus shelters about to be provided by NJ Transit for locations previously recommended by the committee. The funds will also be used for a flagship bus shelter with a "green roof" at Palmer Square. In addition, NJ Transit will replace two older bus shelters on Harrison and at the intersection of U.S. 206 and Edgerstoune.

## **6. Completion of Summer Projects**

Deanna Stockton reported that all of the summer projects, except for some signage on Prospect, have either been completed or are nearly finished.

## **7. Updates**

- Chairman Altman asked all committee members to send in their recommended list of committee accomplishments in 2015 so that they can be included in the committee's 2015 report to Council.
- Jack West reported that NRG is funding installation of flashing light crosswalks on U.S. 206 at Stanworth housing and that installation should be completed by year's end.
- Deanna Stockton reported that NJ DOT is installing the new all-cross traffic light system recommended by the committees at the intersection of Washington and Nassau. Though it will not provide the full all-cross functions the committee and Council requested, the system has the capacity to do so if conditions should warrant.
- Bob Kiser reported that the county and Lawrence Township have joined with Princeton in recommending that Mercer be taken off the NJ DOT maps as an approved truck route.
- Deanna Stockton said that she is preparing a Federal grant request to fund covered bike parking and a bike share program at Princeton Station and that Princeton University is eager to provide matching funds.

## **8. Police Report**

In Sgt. Murray's absence, Deanna Stockton submitted the police report for October 2015, which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were 90 occurrences, 11 with injuries. Four were accidents involving pedestrians and one with a bicyclist. One accident with a deer involved no injury.

She said the three "Your speed is..." signs are now available and will be rotated at sites where speeding has proved to be a particular problem.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph R. Widner, Secretary



# Princeton Police Department

## Monthly Report For October 2015

### 90 Occurrences of the following:

Case #	Date	Time	Location	Incident / Call Type
15-31012	10/01/15	08:58	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31049	10/01/15	14:04	Moore Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31072	10/01/15	18:00	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31070	10/01/15	17:16	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31093	10/01/15	21:57	61 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
15-31109	10/02/15	07:31	Westcott Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31123	10/02/15	09:12	Clay Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31162	10/02/15	15:58	Cedar Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31280	10/03/15	14:04	Quaker Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31232	10/03/15	04:29	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31288	10/03/15	16:51	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31284	10/03/15	14:23	20 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31339	10/04/15	08:51	381 Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31362	10/04/15	14:22	Birch Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31446	10/05/15	09:53	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31405	10/05/15	07:35	Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31431	10/05/15	08:58	Henry Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31479	10/05/15	14:20	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31491	10/05/15	15:07	Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31548	10/06/15	01:47	160 Spruce Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-31570	10/06/15	07:47	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31660	10/06/15	15:18	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-31683	10/06/15	18:57	301 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31688	10/06/15	19:33	Mountain Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - Deer
15-31849	10/07/15	17:51	Chambers Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31795	10/07/15	12:46	Moore Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-31985	10/08/15	14:56	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32008	10/08/15	19:55	Witherspoon Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32030	10/08/15	23:01	15 Frist lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
15-32048	10/09/15	01:35	Alexander Street	Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50   MVA w/ bicyclist
15-32085	10/09/15	09:36	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-32126	10/09/15	13:28	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32159	10/09/15	19:10	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32247	10/10/15	11:21	Paul Robeson Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32290	10/10/15	17:32	Mount Lucas Road	Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50
15-32383	10/11/15	15:12	244 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32412	10/11/15	23:57	Chambers Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury



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15-32399	10/11/15	16:48	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32481	10/12/15	13:08	800 Bunn Drive	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32496	10/12/15	14:19	Cherry Hill Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32489	10/12/15	13:58	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32499	10/12/15	14:55	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32504	10/12/15	15:26	Hamilton Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
15-32515	10/12/15	19:46	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-32475	10/12/15	12:08	Edgehill Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32628	10/13/15	15:31	55 Morven Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
15-32741	10/14/15	12:24	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32850	10/15/15	09:31	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32920	10/15/15	17:44	Nassau St.	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
15-32564	10/13/15	08:54	354 Quaker Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32608	10/13/15	14:15	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-32985	10/16/15	09:29	Wiggins Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32988	10/16/15	10:13	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33022	10/16/15	15:32	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33105	10/17/15	11:58	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33137	10/17/15	18:44	24 Spring Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-32971	10/16/15	07:48	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-33228	10/18/15	18:52	South Tulane Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33274	10/19/15	08:06	218 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33205	10/22/15	14:15	Princeton Kingston Rd	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33555	10/21/15	10:13	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
15-33211	10/18/15	15:04	Wiggins Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33829	10/22/15	18:42	Birch Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33862	10/23/15	07:46	870 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33865	10/23/15	07:56	Jefferson Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33870	10/23/15	08:27	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33888	10/23/15	11:13	300 Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33917	10/23/15	15:14	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33896	10/23/15	12:34	22 Witherspoon Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33882	10/23/15	11:10	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33955	10/23/15	23:41	Humbert Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-34211	10/26/15	17:00	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-34255	10/27/15	08:29	University Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
15-34315	10/27/15	15:25	208 Bunn Drive	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury



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15-34406	10/28/15	11:50	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-33924	10/23/15	16:07	Chambers Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34437	10/28/15	15:20	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34439	10/28/15	15:45	Stuart Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34455	10/28/15	18:53	Herrontown Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34484	10/29/15	08:07	Elm Drive	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-34554	10/29/15	15:39	354 Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34564	10/29/15	18:30	University Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34634	10/30/15	10:56	Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-34678	10/30/15	16:20	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-34685	10/30/15	17:39	142 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34759	10/31/15	09:48	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34776	10/31/15	11:44	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34807	10/31/15	15:58	176 Edgerstoune Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34817	10/31/15	18:10	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-34551	10/29/15	15:21	202 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury

**PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**1 Valley Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540**

**MVA W/PEDESTRIANS**

**October 2015**

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
15-32030	10/8/15	1925	Washington Rd./Ivy Lane	19	Injury
15-32920	10/15/15	1744	Nassau/S. Tulane St.	19	Injury
15-33555	10/21/15	1013	Washington Rd./Ivy Lane	83	Injury
15-34255	10/27/15	0829	University Pl./Nassau St.	25	Injury

**MVA W/BICYCLISTS**

**October 2015**

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
15-32048	10/9/15	0135	Alexander St./College Rd.	66	Injury

**MVA W/DEER**

**October 2015**

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
15-31688	10/6/15	1933	Mountain Ave./Pardoe Rd.	72	No Injury

**PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**MONTHLY REPORT SUMMONSES**  
**OCTOBER 2015**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>SPEEDING</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>UNREGISTERED VEHICLE</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>FAILURE TO INSPECT</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>CELL PHONE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>CARELESS DRIVING</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE OF LAMPS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>FAILURE TO EXHIBIT DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>UNLICENSED DRIVER</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>UNINSURED MOTORIST</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>FAILURE TO WEAR SEATBELT</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>FAILURE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>ALL OTHER</b> <b>(ordinances and moving included in this total)</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>468</b>

**PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**MONTHLY REPORT ORDINANCE ACTIVITY**  
**OCTOBER 2015**

<b>Public Urination</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Overweight Vehicle</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Open Container</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Littering</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Soliciting without a Permit</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

**PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**MONTHLY REPORT OF PARKING ORDINANCE ACTIVITY**  
**OCTOBER 2015**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
BUS ZONE	4	1
LOADING ZONE	24	28
PARKING w/DESIGN PARK STALLS	65	34
NO PARKING ZONES/ANYTIME)	48	59
PARKING BET 2A & 6A LIMIT 1 HR	193	195
PARK LIMIT 2 HRS BET 8A & 6P	39	91
PARK BET 2A & 6A IN MUNICIPAL YARD	1	0
METERS	2182	1308
METER FEEDING	1	26
PARK IN HANDICAP SPACE	4	0
ALL OTHERS	87	183
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2648</b>	<b>1925</b>

Parking Authority Ticketing System  
PRINCETON  
Tickets by Location Report  
From 10/01/2015 To 10/31/2015

Location	Total Tickets	Percentage of Total
ALEXANDER ST	4	0%
BANK ST	1	0%
BAYARD LN	2	0%
BOUDINOT ST	6	0%
CHAMBERS ST	29	1%
CHARLETON ST	9	0%
CHESTNUT ST	3	0%
CLAY ST	2	0%
DICKINSON ST	3	0%
GREEN ST	4	0%
GREENVIEW AVE	4	0%
GRIGGS CORNER LOT	103	4%
HAWTHORNE AVE	1	0%
HENRY AVE	1	0%
HULFISH ST	97	4%
HUMBERT ST	3	0%
JOHN ST	4	0%
LEIGH AVE	1	0%
LINDEN LN	1	0%
MADISON ST	1	0%
MERCER EXTENSION	9	0%
MERCER ST	4	0%
MOORE ST	18	1%
MORVEN PL	1	0%
MURRAY PL	3	0%
N TULANE ST	29	1%
NASSAU ST	906	38%
OLDEN ST	70	3%
PALMER SQUARE E	122	5%
PALMER SQUARE W	124	5%
PARK PL	26	1%
PARK PLACE EAST YARD	3	0%
PARK PLACE WEST YARD	48	2%
PATTON AVE	1	0%
PAUL ROBESON PL	24	1%
PINE ST	9	0%

**Parking Authority Ticketing System**  
**PRINCETON**  
**Tickets by Location Report**  
**From 10/01/2015 To 10/31/2015**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Tickets</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
PRINCETON STATION LOT	2	0%
PROSPECT AVE	143	6%
QUARRY ST	4	0%
S TULANE ST	42	2%
SPRING ST	52	2%
SPRUCE ST	3	0%
TRINITY CHURCH LOT	14	1%
TULANE WEST LOT	108	4%
UNIVERSITY PL	106	4%
VANDEVENTER AVE	16	1%
WIGGINS ST	4	0%
WILLIAM ST	50	2%
WITHERSPOON ST	192	8%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Use of Loading Zones for Valet Parking in Princeton**

**Background:** Recently, there has been renewed interest in considering valet parking in Princeton, and Princeton Council devoted a work session to the topic on September 28, 2015.

Valet parking is not a new idea in Princeton. It involves statutes and/or regulations governing, among other things, the definition of a valet parking operator; the requirement, and process for, securing a (non-transferable) license to offer valet parking services; the requirement for insurance; written proof from off-street parking facilities that will be used; and requirements for drivers' age and identification. While there was much discussion on these issues in the work session, this is not a subject on which T & T has been asked to make recommendations

The other area addressed primarily issues related to traffic and pedestrian safety – approved locations for pick-up and drop off zones, as well as valet parking signs and limits on the obstruction of sidewalks at pick-up/drop-off areas – and it is this area that the Traffic and Transportation Committee has been asked to address: where, how and when any valet parking would operate if Council establishes a valet parking program for Princeton.

The Council work session on September 28 was designed, initially, to determine the extent to which there is agreement among Council members that there should be a program of valet parking in Princeton. In response to that threshold question – should Princeton have valet service – all members either said “yes” or nodded in agreement.

**Moving forward:** The central issue on which the Traffic and Transportation Committee has been asked to give advice and recommendations is the location of pick up and drop off areas for valet parking services, specifically the possible use of loading zones for this purpose. Based on the Council's work session (and consideration of the tour bus issue earlier this year), certain limits on using loading zones as pick-up and drop-off areas have been assumed:

- a zone no less than three car lengths (66-75 feet) to permit multiple vehicles' safe entering and existing the zone;
- current metered spaces not be used while the meters are in operation – or, if used, the vendor reimburse the municipality for lost revenue;
- sufficient distance from crosswalks to preserve pedestrian safety;
- no disruption of through vehicle traffic (i.e. no double parking), no loss of parking meter revenue (unless offset by the valet parking operator);
- sufficient sidewalk (off-street) space to accommodate a podium and sign(s) which cannot unduly impede pedestrian traffic; and
- locations where cars are out of traffic when ticketing/payment/transfer is accomplished.

These limits appear to preclude most if not all of the public spaces in Princeton, except for two exceptions: locations in which there is no parking on one side of a street, or at locations currently designated as loading zones. And, as most “no-parking” sites have been selected to aid either traffic flow or vehicle/pedestrian safety, investigating loading zones seemed to hold the most promise.

**Loading zones:**

A map of the loading zones shows 19 loading zones in Princeton, virtually all of them in the central business district;

- typically, loading zones are restricted to loading and unloading of commercial vehicles between the hours of 8am and 6pm;
- it appears as if Princeton has the authority to change the laws related to loading zones
- with no other changes in statute, it appears as if Princeton could designate (some) loading zones as drop-off/pick-up zones for valet parking, particularly in the hours when they are not being used as loading zones;
- typically, loading zones do not abut crosswalks
- frequently, loading zones abut sidewalk space with more than the average depth from street to storefront;
- when not used for loading or unloading, loading zones are frequently used by citizens as a convenient short-term waiting spot while running into a business.

Following an initial discussion of this topic at the October T & T meeting, the municipal engineer (Bob Kiser), the Traffic Safety Officer (Sgt. Murray), and the T & T Chair (Bob Altman) conducted on-site inspections of 7 of the 19 loading zones in Princeton. Ten of the other 12 were eliminated because they are only 50 (or 55) feet in length; two were eliminated because of the residential nature of the neighborhoods in which they are located.

The seven loading zones reviewed on site include:

- a 270' loading zone in John Street Alley. With ample adjacent space for valet staff and ticketing at the eastern pedestrian exit from the Chambers Street garage, this location best meets the criteria set by the Council. There is also a walkway from John Street Alley to the east which exits at Palmer Square.
- two loading zones – 78' and 122' – on Witherspoon Street between Nassau Street and Spring Street. These zones do not violate any of the criteria, although the potential for valet staff conflict with pedestrians – and automobile conflict with Witherspoon Street traffic – make them less than ideal.
- two loading zones – 105' and 135' – on Palmer Square East. These zones do not violate any of the criteria, but their use would be unwise given potential conflict with traffic the Nassau Inn's entrance and at the entrance to the Hulfish Street garage, as well as the road configuration rounding Winberies Restaurant.

- each of the other loading zones visited on foot – Spring Street at Witherspoon Street and South Tulane Street – are likely inappropriate because of both sidewalk width, the narrowness of the street, and their proximity to the corner which limits sight distance.