



PRINCETON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PRINCETON
MINUTES • JANUARY 4, 2016

Special Meeting

Main Council Room

5:00 PM

400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR LEMPERT

Mayor Lempert welcomed everyone to the Reorganization meeting 2016 and offered a special welcome to the following guests in attendance: Bonnie Watson Coleman, Brian Hughes, Kip Bateman, Paula Solami Colvella, Andrew Koontz, Lucy Walters, Diane Gerofsky, Pat Colavito, Anthony Carabelli, Marvin Reed, Mildred Trotman and Phyllis Marchand.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The audience participated in the pledge of allegiance.

III. NOTICE OF MEETING

The following is an accurate statement concerning the providing of notice of this meeting and said statement shall be entered in the minutes of this meeting. Notice of this meeting as required by sections 4a, 3d, 13 and 14 of the open public meetings act has been provided to the public in the form of a written notice. On November 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., said notice was posted on the official bulletin board in the municipal building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Town Topics and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

IV. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO ELECTED MEMBERS OF PRINCETON COUNCIL

The Mayor reported that at the General Election held November 3, 2015, Heather Howard and Arden "Lance" Liverman were elected to office on the Princeton Council beginning today, January 4, 2016.

1. Heather Howard

Hunter Labovitz, Esq. administered the oath of office to Ms. Howard.

2. Arden "Lance" Liverman

Bonita Leadem, Esq. administered the oath of office to Mr. Liverman.

V. ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Councilwoman Butler, Councilwoman Crumiller, Councilwoman Howard, and Councilman Liverman, Councilman Miller and Mayor Lempert.

Absent: Councilman Simon.

VI. NOMINATION, APPROVAL, AND SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Lempert entertained nominations for Council President for 2016.

Mr. Miller nominated Arden "Lance" Liverman as Council President for 2016. Mr. Miller

stated that he was "pleased to place in nomination for the position of Council President for 2016 my colleague and friend Lance Liverman. I believe that Lance is the best qualified member of Council to become Council President by virtue of his long experience as an elected official. He is the only elected official who was born in Princeton, went to Princeton Public Schools and has deep roots in our community built through relationships from a lifetime of family and friendship. He is a real Princetonian who understands our town and the workings of our government, and has worked unstintingly to better our community. It's my honor to nominate Lance Liverman for Council President for 2016."

Ms. Howard seconded Mr. Miller's motion. On a roll call vote, the motion to elect Mr. Liverman as Council President of Princeton for 2016 was carried by a 4 to 1 vote, with Ms. Howard, Ms. Crumiller, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Liverman voting in the affirmative. Ms. Butler abstaining and Mr. Simon was absent from the meeting.

Ms. Butler abstained from the vote and stated "I cast my vote as "abstain," and I hope you will give me a few minutes to explain why. My decision is not intended to question Lance's exemplary service in municipal government. Lance is to be commended for the good work he has done in the community, for the quiet and selfless way he has helped and given to so many individuals over the years, and for his many accomplishments for Princeton. Let me be clear that my decision is based on my conviction that in furtherance of the spirit and promise of consolidation the leadership positions on Council should be determined collegially and not in a way that perpetuates old Borough and Township divisions and the prediction by some that Township personnel would dominate our government. The best way to overcome these divisions and defy those predictions is through a rotation of leadership that gives fair consideration to all members of Council. Therefore I vote to abstain.

Bonita Leadem, Esq. administered the Oath of Office for Council President 2016 to Mr. Liverman.

VII. OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO FIRE CHIEFS

Mayor Lempert administered the Oaths of Office to Dan Tomalin, Fire Chief; Kyle Rendall, Deputy Chief; and Salvatore Baldino, Assistant Chief to the Princeton Fire Department.

VIII. PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lempert read a proclamation honoring former Borough Mayor Marvin Reed for all his work on behalf of the citizens of Princeton.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve resolutions 16-2 through 16-20 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by 5 affirmative votes. Mr. Simon was absent.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jo Butler, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Bernard Miller, Council President
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler
ABSENT:	Simon

1. 16-2 Resolution Authorizing Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees
2. 16-3 Resolution Adopting Board, Commission and Committee Members' Handbook
3. 16-4 Resolution Authorizing 2016 Staff Appointments
4. 16-5 Resolution 2016 Professional Appointments
5. Professional Services Agreement, Trishka W. Cecil, Esq. of Mason Griffin & Pierson, P.C., Municipal Attorney 2016, \$10,000.00 Per Month
6. Professional Services Agreement, Hodulik & Morrison, PA, Auditor 2016, Not to Exceed \$50,000.00
7. Professional Services Agreement, McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC, Bond Council, Fees on File
8. Professional Services Agreement, Coded Systems LLC, 2016 Codification Services, Not to Exceed \$29,000.00
9. Professional Services Agreement, Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, PC, Labor Council, \$190.00 Per Hour
10. Professional Services Agreement, Reed Gusciora, Esq., Municipal Prosecutor, Not to Exceed \$70,000.00
11. Professional Services Agreement, Daniel Dobromilsky & Associates, Consultant, \$100.00 Per Hour/\$50.00 Per Hour
12. Professional Services Agreement, Bruce A. Eisenstein, Ph.D., P.E. Consultant, Not to Exceed \$7,500.00
13. Professional Services Agreement, Gregory Sandusky, P.E., L.S., Consultant, \$100.00 Per Hour
14. Professional Services Agreement, Land Concepts Group, Consultant, Paid Through Applicant Escrow Fees
15. Professional Services Agreement, Ostergaard Acoustical Associates, Consultant, Not to Exceed \$5,000.00
16. Professional Services Agreement, Princeton Hydro, LLC, Consultant, Not to Exceed \$15,000.00
17. Professional Services Agreement, IH Engineers, Consultant, Fees on File
18. Professional Services Agreement, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Consultant, Paid Through Applicant Escrow Fees

19. Professional Services Agreement, Snyder Environmental Engineering Associates, Consultant, Paid Through Applicant Escrow Fees
20. Professional Services Agreement, SWM Consulting, LLC, Consultant, \$175.00 Per Hour
21. Professional Services Agreement, Weidlinger Associates, Inc., Consultant, Paid Through Applicant Escrow Fees
22. Professional Services Agreement, Michael Barrett, Esq., & Firm of Bergman & Barrett, Municipal Public Defender, Not to Exceed \$57,500.00
23. Professional Services Agreement, Harry Haushalter, Esq., Tax Attorney, Not to Exceed \$60,000.00
24. Professional Services Agreement, City Connections, LLC, Web Site Consultant, Total Base Fee \$21,850.00
25. 16-6 Resolution Adopting the 2016 Schedule of Meetings
26. 16-7 Resolution Authorizing Adequate Notice of Meetings
27. 16-8 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Tax Appeals and Rollback Assessments
28. 16-9 Resolution Designating Official Newspapers
29. 16-10 Resolution Authorizing the Designation of the Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO)
30. 16-11 Resolution for Cancellation of Tax Balances Under \$10.00
31. 16-12 Resolution for Delinquent Tax Interest and Year End Penalty
32. 16-13 Resolution for 2016 Tax Sale
33. 16-14 Resolution Authorizing the Annual Cash Management Plan
34. 16-15 Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Execute Promissory Notes
35. 16-16 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Checks
36. 16-17 Resolution Requiring Elected Official Annual Education or Training
37. 16-18 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Membership in the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
38. 16-19 Resolution Appointing Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner to Serve on the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for Fund Year 2016
39. 16-20 Resolution Establishing the COMCAST Franchise Negotiating Team for the Municipality of Princeton

X. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

1. 16-1 Resolution Authorizing 2016 Council Departmental Assignments

Ms. Crumiller asked that resolution 16-1, Authorizing 2016 Council Departmental Assignments be removed from the Consent Agenda and tabled for further discussion of the Public Safety Committee assignments when Mr. Simon is present.

Ms. Howard asked if this was appropriate and if Mr. Simon was interested in furthering this discussion as he had not made his concerns previously known. Ms. Butler seconded Ms. Crumiller's motion. The motion carried in a 3-2 vote, with Ms. Crumiller, Mr. Miller and Ms. Butler voting in the affirmative, and Ms. Howard and Mr. Liverman voting in the negative.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve resolution 16-1 without the Public Safety Committee assignments. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion which was carried by 5 affirmative votes. Mr. Simon was absent.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jenny Crumiller, Bernard Miller
SECONDER:	Lance Liverman, Councilman
AYES:	Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler
NAYS:	Howard
ABSENT:	Simon

2. 16-1 pulled from Consent

XI. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Comments attached to minutes.

XII. COUNCIL PRESIDENT REMARKS

Comments attached to minutes.

XIII. COUNCIL REMARKS

Comments attached to minutes.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miller offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller and carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott

Municipal Clerk

Mayor Liz Lempert's Remarks
2016 Reorganization Meeting

I'll begin with what is likely foremost on everyone's mind – consolidation. Three years ago, Princeton took a giant leap to consolidate the Township and Borough. Today, I'm happy to report that it's working, and working well – in fact, better than expected on many fronts.

The timing is especially significant because the Consolidation Commission predicted that full consolidation would be reached at the end of three years' time. While it's true that most of the nuts and bolts work of merging the two governments is behind us, there is still more to be done. We still have the bulk of our land use ordinances left to harmonize. And we are still paying off some of the one-time transition costs associated with consolidation because these expenses were amortized over five years.

The good news is that the savings from consolidation have met and even exceeded expectations. Last month, the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee delivered a report to Council comparing projected savings based on the 2011 Consolidation Commission Report estimates with actual savings. The report calculated the difference between the 2015 and the combined 2011 salary and benefit budgets, adjusted for inflation. I want to particularly thank Councilman Patrick Simon and the CFAC Chair, Scott Sillars, for their painstaking work in analyzing the numbers. The estimated gross savings from consolidation in 2015 was \$3.92 million. After factoring out expanded services, including trash collection, Access Princeton, and increased IT and Corner House staffing, net savings for the year equaled \$2.77M. That is over \$600,000 more than the Consolidation Commission estimated, and does not include savings in operating expenses, such as the need for only one audit and a single maintenance garage instead of two. It also does not factor in savings on major capital expenses, including the need to only upgrade equipment at one police dispatch center instead of two.

In the coming years, we expect further savings from the police department as personnel in higher rank positions retire and are replaced with entry-level patrol officers.

The consolidation was a massive undertaking by elected officials, municipal staff, and dedicated citizen volunteers. It will forever be a seminal event in our town's history, and has cemented the municipality of Princeton's reputation as a place for government innovation. In fact, this community's incredible spirit of innovation is the theme that unites our recent past and future, and the theme of my address to you this evening

That spirit was perfectly exemplified in Princeton's first civic hackathon this past June. The Code for Princeton Hackathon and the ongoing Hack and Learn nights at the public library have brought together local software developers, designers, and other interested residents, along with municipal staff who have helped provide publicly open data sets to use technology to help improve local government. Together, they've developed innovative solutions for a wide range of municipal issues – from an app that displays election results district by district, to a ride sharing app that makes it easier to carpool, to a local jobs posting app for residents looking for work. Later this month, Code for Princeton's hack night will focus on creating an app that will simplify the process of applying for affordable housing, so that an individual can see what is available without have to visit each of our town's three affordable housing providers.

Along with making information easily accessible to improve the quality of life in our town, this collaboration is helping to change the culture of government by enabling us to work more effectively and creatively with our residents. Across the board, we have made strides in opening the workings of our town to residents. By embracing the amazing talent and expertise we find here, combined with the

generous spirit of volunteerism, wonderful things are happening to improve our community's health and safety, and to make us a more inclusive and sustainable town. I'd like to highlight some of them for you now.

For example, thanks to the work of the Recreation Department with the support of the Recreation Board and Councilwoman Jo Butler, the Community Park Pool set its all time attendance record this summer with over 115,000 visitors. And, though the board cannot take credit for The Bluefish Swim & Dive teams both winning the Princeton Area Swim/Dive Association championships, I wanted to be sure to mention how proud we are of that success, and about the CP Pool being selected to host the 2016 championship meet. It will be the first time Princeton has hosted the event in more than 30 years.

The Princeton Health Department also set a record. It completed its first ever 5-year Strategic Plan in 2015. It also submitted an application for national public health accreditation – and became one of only three health departments in New Jersey to reach this step in the accreditation process.

Meanwhile, The Princeton Board of Health led the way in improving the health of our community by passing a tobacco ordinance raising the purchase age for cigarettes to 21. Councilwoman Heather Howard, the former Health Commissioner for the state of New Jersey, has been instrumental in working with the Board of Health to have Princeton lead the state in these efforts.

In addition, the Health and Human Services Departments teamed up to hold Affordable Care Act workshops to provide information to residents about their health care choices and facilitate sign ups. The workshops received national recognition and were held up as a model for other communities to follow.

The difficult topic of end of life care received special attention in 2015. Princeton was one of only three communities chosen statewide to participate in the

Conversation of a Lifetime pilot project as part of the Mayors Wellness Campaign. The goal is to provide support and encouragement for individuals to document their wishes for end of life care and to share their wishes with loved ones and caregivers.

Sadly, the growing heroin problem required special attention, and Corner House stepped up its services to provide it. As Corner House continued to offer proactive drug education and treatment programs, in 2015, it became licensed to provide Intensive Outpatient Services through the state Drug Court Program. Staff from Corner House, and the Health and Human Services Departments also received training on administering the heroin and opiate overdose drug Nalozone. This proactive stance has helped save lives.

A final highlight of how we were innovative on the health front has to do with transportation. In 2015, when NJ Transit announced it would discontinue the 655 bus line that took Princeton residents to the Hospital, the Human Services and Health Departments were instrumental in working with hospital officials to put an alternate transportation service in place. As a result, the hospital has been providing free taxi rides to and from the hospital to residents who have no other access to transportation and live within a ½ mile radius from the old hospital. Last month, close to 50 rides were provided to residents. Princeton University also stepped up to the plate when the 655 was cancelled, and expanded the service on their Tiger Transit Plainsboro line to add a stop at Palmer Square.

Innovative partnerships have also served to make our town safer. The formal cooperative agreement between our police department and Princeton University's department of public safety continues to produce benefits. The Command Staff from both departments meet monthly. University Public Safety Director Paul Ominsky also meets regularly with Police Chief Nick Sutter. For the first time, officers from the two departments regularly train together. There were several joint trainings in 2015, sponsored by Princeton University, including

trainings on crisis intervention, traffic management, and leadership to improve employee morale, accountability, and performance.

Another partnership – this one with Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco, and Edgewater Mayor Michael McPartland – also resulted in a safer Princeton. After the disastrous Bergen County fire at the Avalon Bay complex in Edgewater, these elected officials joined with us and concerned residents for a press conference here in Princeton. As a result, Avalon Bay agreed to voluntarily upgrade the safety measures in their Princeton development by installing masonry firewalls and a more extensive sprinkler system, beyond what is required by state law.

Those are some of the highlights showing how consolidation, innovation and collaboration are making our town healthier and safer.

Next, I want to say how very proud I am that 2015 also ushered in a more inclusive Princeton. The Human Services Department completed a first ever Community Needs Assessment. The report stems from interviews with scores of low and moderate-income families and individuals in Princeton, asking directly about their greatest needs. Already, the report has already sparked collaborations between the Human Services department and local non-profits to better address the needs of our at-risk populations.

Human Services also partnered with local non-profits to identify the needs of Princeton's day laborer and low-wage worker community, build trust, and get them connected to already existing supports

To help low-income and non-English speaking families, the town and School District are collaborating to deliver family support services. For example, we will share a bilingual parent liaison on a 6-month trial basis. The school district will pay the salary, and the liaison will spend some of their time at Monument Hall in

conjunction with our Human Services staff to help link families to all available resources. This past year, the Human Services department was key in helping unaccompanied minors coming from Central America enroll in the Princeton School district, as well as connecting them to different supports and resources in the Princeton community.

As we all know, housing is paramount to a stable household and life. To help more people in town achieve stability, affordable Housing figured prominently in Princeton in 2015. With state regulations on affordable housing in limbo, the Princeton Council and Planning Board were forced, along with hundreds of other municipalities in New Jersey, to take their housing plans to the courts for approval. We submitted a preliminary list of sites in December. In the coming months, the Planning Board will finalize the revisions to the housing element of the Master Plan, and Princeton will file its final plans with the court. Although the plans are being put together within the context of litigation, the Council has attempted to make the process as public as possible, and has sought public input, along with the Planning Board, throughout.

Princeton will present its case in court with the advantage of having a strong, historical commitment to affordable housing that predates state requirements. In the beginning of the year, we approved funds for a new group home on Hilltop to serve adults with disabilities, and worked with residents and Habitat for Humanity to potentially build affordable housing next to the expanded Mary Moss Playground. Before COAH was thrown to the courts, we also had established an Affordable Housing Task Force, led by Council President Bernie Miller, to identify publicly owned properties that could serve as possible affordable housing sites.

Post-consolidation, the Affordable Housing Department has worked closely with the Housing Authority and Princeton Community Housing to help demystify the affordable housing system and help eligible residents to apply. I want to thank Councilman Liverman for his leadership in helping to bring these groups

together. The Affordable Housing Department in partnership with Princeton Community Housing, the Princeton Housing Authority, Housing Initiatives of Princeton and Princeton Human Services, offered a series of financial literacy workshops designed to provide tools for managing financial affairs.

Again, in the spirit of innovation, the University's Merwick Stanworth development will contain 56 units of community affordable housing once it's complete. So far 16 of those units are built and occupied. This is first time community affordable housing has been built as part of a University development, and it has been a terrific way to grow connections between the University and larger community. 2015 saw a physical manifestation of that connection. A new pathway connecting Merwick-Stanworth directly to the YW/YMCA has created a quick, safe cuthrough for pedestrians, and further cements the bond between the Y, the University, and the community.

Alongside constructing more affordable housing, Princeton has become one of the top 10 municipalities in the state of New Jersey for its volume of construction. Princeton's building department has never busier as it was in 2015. It issued 2,171 permits, 103 certificates of occupancy, 1,731 certificates of approval, and completed 10,519 inspections. While this level of activity is a sign of our economic vitality and attractiveness as a place to live and operate a business, it also calls for strong planning and continued effort to protect neighborhood character. With that in mind, in 2105, Princeton's Historic Preservation Commission recommended creating a local Historic District in the Witherspoon Jackson neighborhood, a proposal that Council will be considering in 2016. Council also passed a package of zoning ordinances that aim to eliminate loopholes in the limits placed on large-sized homes.

To keep citizens more readily informed – and involved -- about the planning process, videos of Zoning and Planning Board meetings are now posted online – in addition to the videos of Council meetings. This comes as part of a package of

recommendations from the Neighborhood Planning District Task Force, headed by Jenny Crumiller.

Being a popular town has its downsides, and in 2015 we finally took control of one -- the tour bus traffic that was clogging the central business district, especially in the summer. With the help of the Traffic and Transportation Committee and local merchants, Council and staff developed a system for managing the parking and loading of tourist buses and limiting their negative impacts to quality of life for residents and visitors alike. The Trenton Times called the plan, which has the buses use the existing bus stops along Nassau Street, a "triumph of creative thinking."

That was an example of how to sustainably balance people, profit, and the planet -- the three stools of sustainability. Another sustainability project -- though not on Nassau Street -- is in the works. Council President Bernie Miller, working with staff, has developed a plan to lease the old landfill on River Road for use as a solar farm. The energy generated will help to power the adjacent sewage treatment plant -- another innovation in our town that I'm very proud of.

In another move towards sustainability, Princeton initiated work on a bicycle master plan in 2015 to help make bicycling through town safer and more enjoyable. The project is fully funded by NJDOT, including professional consulting help from Parsons Brinkerhoff. Princeton also received a Federal Congestion Management and Air Quality Grant for \$196,000 to establish a Bike Share Program in conjunction with Princeton University, and to build covered bike parking. The Engineering Department also secured a \$300,000 Safe Route to School Grant to install new Traffic Signals and Improve the Harrison Street/Franklin Avenue and Harrison Street/Hamilton Avenue intersections. These efforts to make Princeton a more bikeable and walkable town led to Princeton being selected to host the statewide bike-walk summit this February.

Speaking of walkability, I'm happy to report that Princeton continues to increase the amount of open space in town. In 2015, we added to our Open Space inventory with the Tash property land next to Mary Moss Playground, in partnership with Mercer County. We also expanded the Princeton Battlefield Park with the 4.6 acre D'Ambrisi tract acquisition. That acquisition was supported with funding from the State of New Jersey, Mercer County, Friends of Princeton Open Space, and the Civil War Trust.

To keep paths walkable in the Billy Johnson Mountain Lakes Preserve avoid boggy, two new pedestrian bridges were constructed through a grant obtained by The Friends of Princeton Open Space.

This year we also turned our attention to maintenance of our passive open space -- over 1,100 acres of it. We created an Open Space Task Force made up of representatives from local land preservation groups, relevant commissions, and staff. Their recommendations as to pressing stewardship needs will help guide allocation of resources.

In the spirit of providing space for relaxation and enjoyment, Princeton created community open space in an unexpected place -- by temporary converting two parking spots on Witherspoon Street into Princeton's first "parklet". I hope you had a chance to see it and spend some time in it watching Princeton's vibrant world go by. Built to enrich street life and build community, ours was yet another example of innovation and collaboration among artists, business owners, nonprofits, and staff. In the several months it was up, residents and visitors enjoyed sitting on the handmade benches and sharing time with their neighbors and friends.

I would be remiss not to mention that Princeton received a number of awards this year.

- Greater Mercer TMA Gold level Safe Routes to School
- Greater Mercer TMA Gold level Smart Workplace
- Municipal Engineer Bob Kiser was recognized at the League of Municipalities conference with the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers Distinguished Service Award
- Vikki Caines was honored as NJ Recreation & Parks Association Employee of the Year.
- Vikki Caines was also awarded a Sustainable Princeton Leadership Award for her community gardens projects.
- The Police Department's Safe Neighborhood Unit were named Volunteers of the Year by the Mercer County Municipal Alliance

Princeton has also started giving out its own awards. Access Princeton, as part of their effort to create a culture of exceptional customer service, has started a program to recognize staff members who go above and beyond for our residents. The Council has also started a tradition of handing out an award to recognize community organizations and individuals who make extraordinary contributions to the town.

2015 was not without its share of goodbyes. Lieutenant Sharon Papp retired, as did Sgt. Malta. Curt Berry from IT; Bill Urien from public works, Larry Logan, our electrical inspector; and Mark Johnson, our animal control officer all said goodbye. And in a couple weeks, Leslie Burger, who has shepherded our fabulous public library for the past 16 years, will be stepping down. The Princeton Environmental Commission will not be the same without Matt Wasserman as the chair. We are sad to see him step down, and thank him for his years of service on the commission. Former Borough Mayor Marvin Reed stepped down from the Planning Board in 2015. We honored him earlier in this meeting with a proclamation, but I wanted to recognize him again for his longstanding service to the Princeton community and the contributions he has made.

We also mourn the loss of Charles Rojer. Charles served as the chair of the Board of Health, and also as the Board of Health liaison to the Environmental Commission for several years. We remember his strength in the face of adversity, his deep wisdom, and his gentle spirit. Princeton lost one of its great men.

Council will be meeting next week for its annual ritual, started three years ago, of priority and goal setting. We have an active, energetic Council and staff, and I expect we'll have another full plate in 2016. Some of the projects and priorities I see for the coming year include:

- Continuing to harmonize our land use code
- Launching a new municipal website
- Completing our fair share Affordable Housing Plan for the courts
- Considering Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood Historic designation
- Completing the Bicycle Master Plan
- Establishing a capital asset maintenance and replacement plan
- Creating a plan for moving recurring capital expenses to operating budget
- Reviewing fire department space and equipment needs
- Establishing a Youth Advisory Council

In closing, I want to thank everyone who had a part in the accomplishments I've mentioned today, and for all the other work that time doesn't allow me to mention right now. I am excited for all the challenges and opportunities of the coming year, and look forward to working with my colleagues on Council, the staff, our volunteers, and the broader community to make Princeton an even more innovative, welcoming, and sustainable community.

Remarks for Re-org. 1.4.16-Councilman Lance Liverman

I would first like to thank each of you for having the vision to re-elect Councilwoman Howard and myself for 3 more years. It is truly a gift and honor to serve the wonderful residents of Princeton. I do not take my position as an elected official lightly. Many of you remember that I started off my remarks last year by repeating the advertisement that said "Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't. Almond Joy has nuts Mounds don't." The experiences of 2015 have prepared me to do what Yogi Berra said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." This is the direction I see this 2016 Council moving in. Moving forward with strength and determination. Moving forward without getting caught up in the weeds. Moving forward with respecting all of our wonderful municipal employees and the residents of this great town. Moving forward by listening and understanding that we have many different economic classes of residents that must be served. If you don't remember anything else from my remarks, please make a note that Councilman Liverman said this is the year to "Move Forward."

I have observed while serving as liaison on the Public Safety Committee, Princeton Affordable Housing Board, Corner House Board, Princeton Housing Auth. and as Fire Commissioner that Moving Forward is the new theme.

Public Safety Committee: Continues to work towards strengthening and developing a Professional organization of law personnel. We are extremely grateful to have Chief Sutter in the driver seat. His leadership and communication skills has propelled the Police dept. light years from where we started in 2013. The recent discussions of community policing and the use of body camera's for officers have been discussed and are being carefully developed and implemented for future use. The incredible submission of over 600 resumes that where

received for 6 police positions is clear evidence of how our Police dept. is viewed by so many potential law men and woman. This is a direct result in having the correct leadership people in the right positions. It is also that our Police Dept. understands that they have council support to continue to move forward with excellent positive changes.

Corner House: there are very few towns in the state of New Jersey that have made a conscientious and financial obligation to invest the resources to pick up our youth when they fall short. Sometimes our children, children friends, nieces and nephews, neighbors or ourselves need direction. We need to know the negative effect that abusing the body with drugs and alcohol can cause. It is at this pivotal place in our lives that Corner House has changed the direction of thousands of youth. The many leadership programs creates youth ambassadors that lead by example. The success rate of these programs are nothing but a miracle. I must acknowledge, Mr. Gary DeBlasio the Director of Health, Youth and Community Services for leading Corner House and for saving our children. Many people have rejected the saying " It takes a village to raise our children." But, I can tell you if we don't continue to provide this kind of preventive service for our children, the Princeton community will see a major change in the positive direction of our children. This year Corner House was licensed to provide Intensive Outpatient Services (IOP) the ability to provide 9 hours per week of services for clients. This is a program that was implemented through the Drug Court program. This is a new direction for the court system in New Jersey. Putting people in jail for small drug offenses was not accomplishing anything and ruining young men and woman's lives. While brainstorming in how to reach the parents of many of these children it was decided that small coffees at various parents house might work. Jacqui Schreiber, Corner House Director of Prevention Programs began a campaign entitled " Coffee and Conversations." This program lets parents gather for coffee and discuss the

issues related to their children. In small settings it is amazing of the impact of this positive educational program. Corner House will in 2016 look into 1) Expanding the funding base in both the private and public sectors, 2) Increase referral base through marketing to additional local colleges and universities and the private schools 3) Host Heroin Awareness and Educational programs for the students, parents and community members and 4) increase collaborations with other municipal departments and local nonprofits. This is just a sample of the programming at Corner House that is consistent with the Moving Forward agenda.

Affordable Housing: This is the year COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) will give Princeton a number of Affordable Units needed to be built or created in the next 10 years. It is so nice to say that Princeton began Affordable housing before any court mandated the need for every town to build affordable housing. This was a great year for Princeton Affordable Housing Dept. which is headed by Ms. Christy Peacock. They approved funds to purchase a much needed group home in Princeton. The old Home Rehabilitation Program was recreated and provided 2 rehab grants and 1 rehab loan. There was a major partnership with Princeton Senior Resource Center and Princeton Affordable Housing with assistance from Comfort Partners to install a high efficiency heating and hot water system to an elderly couples dwelling. Through the Affordable Housing home purchasing program there were 4 down payment assistance loans. This enabled families and individuals to live the American dream and have home ownership. In 2016 Affordable Housing will 1) develop criteria for the selection of an in house Affordable Housing Coordinator, 2) Continue to provide housing for those in our area who need assistance, 3) ensure the homeownership aspect of the program remains sustainable and viable. 4) revamp affordable housing program public relations in coordination with Council and administration guidelines and 5) create new mission statement. These are few

area's that will continue to Move Princeton forward.

Princeton Housing Authority : Was established in 1938 and provides housing to low low Income residents. This segment of our population is growing. The Housing Authority is a separate entity (not municipal owned) it is under the Direction of Chairman of the Board, Mr. Leighton Newlin and Executive Director Scott Parsons. Many renovations and landscaping projects have been completed this year. The Housing Authority deserves our thanks for donating land to the municipality that can be used in the future creation of the Mary Moss Park. The Housing Auth. operates over 236 units and by the waiting list it is evident that more units are needed for our Princeton residents.

Princeton Fire Dept.: We cannot say Thank you enough for the brave woman and men that volunteer their time and energy protecting our lives every minute of the day. We are lucky to live in a town where this type of dedication still exist. We have launched and received back a comprehensive " Fire Department Spatial Needs and Apparatus Assessment." This was completed by Municipal Resources. It is a very detailed report and Council and Mayor will review during 2016 and make suggestions. The fire dept is lucky to have Chief Tomalin and Deputy Chiefs Kyle Rendall and Sal Baldino leading this fine organization.

In closing the Council's job would be impossible if it was not for the support staff that takes the bulk of the work and creates masterpieces. I want to thank our Municipal Administrator Mr. Marc Dashield , Asst. Administrator Ms. Kathy Monzo, Deputy Clerk Linda McDermott and the entire clerks office for providing the support that is needed. Also thank our Municipal Attorney Trishka Cecil and the law firm of Mason Griffin & Pierson. We need to also thank our Management team for always being there whenever the call goes out for help. Thank (my family)

Lets continue the theme of Moving Forward in 2016.

Reorganization Comments from Jo Butler:

The only good thing about going 5th is that I am not 6th or 7th.

It is that “out with the old and in with the new time of year” and while much has been said about both, I would like to add just a couple of shout outs to some folks as we close out 2015.

- As the Recreation Liaison, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the fine job they did this year. We had the longest possible summer – 110 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day – and over 115,000 visitors to the pool complex. I cannot emphasize how much work and preparation went into ensuring that everyone was safe – always our highest priority. We approved about \$80,000 worth of capital improvements for 2016, which will enhance the pool and tennis complex. We installed some terrific new water fountains at locations around the municipality, and we will have two new fountains with bottle fillers at the pool this summer.
- Our Historic Preservation Commission has taken on the huge job of updating the information on the Witherspoon Jackson neighborhood. Whether or not it eventually becomes a historic district, we have a valuable record of an important part of our town's history that will be available to all in the years to come.
- I want to thank Deanna Stockton for her help as we began our work on Mary Moss Playground. I also want to acknowledge the contribution of Holly Nelson, a Princeton resident and Rutgers Professor, who brought students from her landscape design class to make a presentation on the possibilities for Mary Moss Playground. It was very informative and advanced our thinking about what the possibilities for the park might be.
- I would like to give a shout out to our staff. Our Monday night meetings mean that we are often emailing staff with questions over the weekend, and I know I speak for everyone on Council when I say how much we appreciate the effort they make to respond in a timely fashion.
- Last winter I received a complaint over the weekend from a resident regarding the Avalon Bay construction. Whatever it was seemed important enough to reach out to Bob Kiser, and he answered from atop a ski slope! Within an hour, someone from the town was on site. Bob always goes above and beyond the call of duty.
- Bob Hough and Jeff Grosser have been incredibly responsive to issues related to health and safety in the Central Business District. Without fail, they will investigate trash and garbage violations when notified. And when one of the garbage haulers in town leaked something that left the Witherspoon area smelling of dead fish the day before the Library Benefit, Bob Hough looped in Bob Gregory, who had the Fire Dept. spray down the street. It is a testament to great team work.

- Kathy Monzo, Sandy Webb, Scott Sillars, Patrick Simon and the rest of CFAC deserve a huge shout-out for their work analyzing consolidation. It was a lot of work, but incredibly important.
- It is difficult to put into words the appreciation I have for the fact that I can represent with confidence the work that stands behind what we do on the dais.
As we acknowledge the incredible contribution of Marvin and Ingrid Reed, I would like to thank all of the volunteers and staff who make Princeton a great place to live. It is an honor to represent such a terrific town.

BERNIE MILLER REORGANIZATION MEETING

REMARKS

4 Jan 2016

Many of us look at the New Year as a new beginning. At the New Year we make resolutions and try to set a personal course for the year to come and beyond. With that in mind, I'd like to offer two of my personal resolutions that I hope all of my colleagues on Council would want to adopt as their own. First, I resolve to do what I was elected to do; namely to get the people's business done in an expeditious and efficient manner by focusing on the substance of the business and not on the personalities or personal attributes of those who are pro or con the matter at hand. Second, I resolve to be guided by a rule that was imprinted on the back of a ruler that I carried through most of elementary school. It began, "Do unto others.....", and I think that you can finish it.

I've had the honor of being elected by my colleagues on Council to serve as Council President for the first three formative years of our new municipality. As Council President I've enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Mayor, my fellow Councilmembers, our professional staff and the many volunteers that make our municipality work well. In that spirit I look forward to continuing my work as a Council member working with my colleagues, Mayor Lempert and our new Council President, Lance Liverman, in 2016.

Linda McDermott

From: Jenny Crumiller
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 2:00 PM
To: Linda McDermott
Subject: RE: Comments from 1/4/16 Reorganization meeting

I just want to congratulate Lance and Heather for their re-election, and Lance for his election as Council President.

I also wasn't to say thank you to everyone who is involved in local government, including the people who are here today, and also our dedicated staff. The most rewarding and enjoyable part of this job is working with people who share the goal of making our town better. I look forward to doing it again for at least another year! Thanks! Happy New Year!

STATEMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN HEATHER HOWARD
PRINCETON COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016

I am honored to be here starting another term on the Princeton Council and want to thank all the voters of Princeton for their engagement in the political process. We are blessed to have such a thoughtful community of engaged residents who give of their time and experience to make this town like no other.

I also want to thank my colleagues for their hard work – it's a pleasure serving with you. In particular, I want to congratulate Lance, with whom I had the good fortune to run for re-election this year. I know that with his deep roots in the community and strong connections to our staff, he is the right person to fill Bernie Miller's shoes as our next Council President. Thank you, Bernie, for all your hard work, and for your wise counsel, good humor, and not least, time-keeping skills. I also want to thank Mayor Lempert for her continued leadership and vision for a vibrant and sustainable Princeton.

We are honored to have many distinguished guests here in the audience – former mayors, county and state representatives, and of course our wonderful congresswoman, Bonnie Watson Coleman. But personally, I was most proud to have my family swear me in, and thank Hunter and Nate for their unwavering support.

The mayor has already outlined many of the accomplishments of 2015, so looking ahead to 2016, I would just like to highlight a few priorities.

Public Safety

In the area of public safety, we are so fortunate to have Chief Nick Sutter leading the department. I noted last year that the department had really turned a corner, and in 2015 the department continued to excel. For example, the department collaborated with many stakeholders in developing a strategic plan that maps the future for the force, with an emphasis on data driven enforcement and an enhanced focus on traffic safety and community engagement. While this year law enforcement was in the news almost daily over questions about tactics and strained relations with the communities they serve, in Princeton our department continues to focus on strengthening relations with all members of our community, making us all safer. And, finally, in a proud moment, we swore in six new officers, who represent the very bright future of the department.

Board of Health

Princeton has long been a leader in promoting a healthy community, and 2015 was no exception. The Board of Health enacted a landmark ordinance to raise the tobacco age of sale to 21. This will

help prevent young people from initiating smoking, the number one preventable cause of death. We were able to save the WIC clinic, preserving vital services for moms and families. Under the direction of our terrific health officer, Jeff Grosser, we completed a strategic planning process. And, we are looking forward to completing the process for accreditation by the end of 2016, striving to be the first health department in Mercer County to do so. Throughout the year we were guided in these and other efforts by Dr. Charles Rojer, a tremendous leader and colleague whose loss we continue to mourn.

Human Services Commission

Princeton has a long history of commitment to our most vulnerable residents, and in 2015, the Human Services Commission and our wonderful director, Elisa Neira, completed a community needs assessment. That report documented the significant needs in our community and is helping to guide our programming. We continue to partner with the school district to address the food security needs of children in our community. We have also seen our efforts to address wage theft result in significant wage recoupments for workers, and we have deepened collaborations with the police department to strengthen ties to our diverse communities. Looking ahead, I'm excited about continuing our work on immigration issues and implementing the Commission's proposal to create a Civil Rights Commission.

In closing, I am certain that 2016 will be another exciting year of opportunities and challenges for Princeton. I am proud to have been elected to serve another term and look forward to working with my colleagues, the talented municipal staff, and the many dedicated volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions, to ensure that we are providing the most effective, efficient and inclusive government.