

**PRINCETON COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 9, 2015**

A meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on this date at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room in the municipal complex, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Clerk read the following statement.

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 February 9, 2015 at 1:40 p.m., said schedule was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, the Town Topics, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mesdames Butler, Crumiller, Howard and Messers Liverman and Miller and Mayor Lempert.

Absent: Mr. Simon.

Also Present: Mr. Dashield, Ms. Monzo, Mr. Kiser, Ms. Britton and Chief Sutter.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2014 as presented. Ms. Crumiller seconded the motion which was carried unanimously by those present.

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2015 as presented. Ms. Crumiller seconded the motion which was carried unanimously by those present.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jim Floyd, Harris Road asked said that there was a time that Witherspoon Street was called African Alley. Mr. Floyd asked Council not to tear down the Lytle Street house as it represents a part of history to the residents.

Hendricks Davis, John Street, thanked Council and the Engineering Department for putting up the signage on Lytle Street. He said that he concurred that 33-31 Lytle Street should be purchased for affordable housing and not for use as Mary Moss Park as it has historic meaning. He asked that Council deny requests for demolition permits for the property.

Henry Singer said that the cleanup of snow and ice was not up to par last week.

Barbara Blumenthal spoke to Council about the Transco Pipeline and said that they were waiting for the NJDEP to issue permits. She said that Transco will not touch any trees until March 28, 2015. Ms. Blumenthal also noted that there would be a neighborhood meeting on March 24, 2015 per Mr. Kiser to discuss updates on the Transco Pipeline.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

National Poison Prevention Week, March 15-21, 2015

Mayor Lempert read a proclamation declaring March 15-21, 2015 National Poison Prevention Week.

#### **PRESENTATION**

**Palmer Square Events Calendar -Anita Fresolone**

Anita Fresolone reviewed with the Mayor and Council the 2015 Palmer Square Events Calendar.

#### **REPORTS**

**Access Princeton Update**

Christina Rothman-Iliff, Manager, Access Princeton gave a power point presentation to Council updating them on Access Princeton. Ms. Rothman-Iliff discuss what's currently happening with Access Princeton, the current web activity, the department leaders, and other the top issues reported December-February 2015.

#### **WORK SESSION**

**Budget Discussion**

Mr. Dashield said that we are on track for introduction of the budget on March 23, 2015 with an increase of 2.3 cents. Alternatives were reviewed to decrease expenditures, reduce contingency reserves, reduce reserve for uncollected taxes and review vacant positions. He said that the increase is due to the new trash removal contract, health, debt and salary and wage which are all fixed costs.

Ms. Crumiller said that Citizens Finance Advisory Committee believes that the surplus is at a good level.

#### **Reports**

Mr. Miller reported that the Affordable Housing Task Force will be meeting on March 12, 2015 in closed session.

Ms. Butler said that in regard to Mary Moss Park, the sub group met to see what a spray group might look like and will meet again to develop a calendar.

Mayor Lempert said that she invited Avalon Bay to a Council meeting to give a status report but they had declined, saying they would give a written report at a later time.

Mayor Lempert also reported that Engineering was currently working on a new sidewalk policy. Ms. Crumiller said that she would like to see that on an upcoming Council agenda as soon as possible.

### **Signs Discussion**

Mr. Solow discussed with Council a proposed signs ordinance. The issues discussed included contractor signs, regulation of how many and a time limit for placement, enforcement and making enforcement easier, signs in the right of way and whether we prohibit A-frame signs.

Mr. Solow suggested that Ms. Crumiller and Ms. Butler take this to the Princeton Merchants for further discussion. Ms. Butler said that in regard to A-frame signs, she thought that the Council was not in favor, and that we should look at the options and make a policy decision.

Mr. Solow said that interior signs were currently not regulated.

John Marshall, President of the Princeton Merchants Association said that he welcomed discussion and meetings with Council to discuss this issue.

David Newton, Palmer Square Management said that he had never heard of anyone collide with an A-frame sign. He said that there is a bit of a disconnect regarding sign regulations on Palmer Square and the restriction side becomes too much.

Joshua Zinder said that there is a need for sandwich boards as they add a little bit of hospitality.

Ted Hordinsky, Princeton Computer Repair said that he thought that we were consolidated and now he is confused about the differences in sign permits between the township and Borough. Mayor Lempert said that the process that we are doing now is harmonization of the ordinances to give us a procedure to move forward with.

Hendricks Davis, John Street asked about realtor signs. Mr. Bridger said that you may have one realtor sign per property.

Kip Cherry, 24 Dempsey Avenue said that she liked signs, that they were lively and they were fun.

Mayor Lempert thanked the Code Review committee and encouraged them to meet with the Princeton Merchants Association and come back to Council with a proposed ordinance when they feel that they are ready.

### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Acquisition of block 15.02, lots 71 and 72, Lytle Street**

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$600,000.00 FROM THE PRINCETON OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 15.02, LOTS 71 AND 72, PRINCETON TOWNSHIP TAX MAP PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL LAND AND BUILDINGS LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 Et Seq**

Ms. Butler said that the Historic Preservation Commission adopted a resolution encouraging Council to save the house for Affordable Housing.

Ms. Crumiller said that we cannot use County money to save the house. Ms. Butler said that this was not clear.

Mr. Liverman said that he is concerned about Affordable Housing and that he is a champion of Mary Moss Park, however, the developer was going to build homes on this site.

Ms. Butler said that this is not just about affordable housing as that was just one suggestion, it is also about historic preservation.

Ms. Howard asked what our action tonight does. Ms. Britton said that it is a funding mechanism.

Mayor Lempert said that she agreed that affordable housing is important but having a great park is really important too.

Ms. Crumiller suggested tabling the ordinance to have more discussion with the neighbors.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

Kip Cherry, 24 Dempsey Avenue said that there has been a colossal communication breakdown. She said that the Witherspoon Jackson neighborhood approached the Historic Preservation Commission for funding for the house due to the historic nature of the neighborhood. We don't want to forget that history, she said, and the neighborhood is extremely concerned about maintaining the house.

Hendricks Davis, John Street said that we already have two good parks in the neighborhood, Mary Moss Park and Community Park.

Jim Floyd, Harris Road asked that we please save the house.

Earl McQueen asked that Council support the Witherspoon Jackson neighborhood and their concerns.

Mayor Lempert closed the public hearing.

Ms. Crumiller said that she didn't know if it was realistic to turn the house into affordable house but felt like there should be more input from the neighborhood.

It was the consensus of Council to table the proposed ordinance until the meeting of March 23, 2015.

#### **Parking Along Portions of Cleveland Lane**

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON REGULATING PARKING ALONG PORTIONS OF CLEVELAND LANE AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1974"**

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Howard and carried four affirmative votes. Ms. Crumiller recused herself and Mr. Simon was absent.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### **15-84 Emergency Temporary Budgets**

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve resolution 15-84 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously by those present.

##### **15-85 Carter Road Multi Party Agreement, Mercer County Partnership Grant Program**

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve resolution 15-85 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller and carried unanimously by those present.

##### **15-86 Appointments, Boards, Commissions, Committees**

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion to approve resolution 15-86 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously by those present.

**15-87 Award of Contract for Alexander Street & D&R Canal Tow Path Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons Installation to Orchard Holdings, LLC in the Amount of \$26,225.00**

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion to approve resolution 15-87 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously by those present.

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Bills & Claims**
- 2. Release of Maintenance Guaranty; Battle Road West and Battle Road Circle Improvement**
- 3. Release of Maintenance Guaranty; Grover Avenue & Roper Road Improvements**
- 4. 15-88 Authorizing Princeton Tax Assessor to Settle Tax Appeals and Initiate Appeal Filings**
- 5. 15-89 Authorizing a Sewer Refund for Block 9101, Lot 2, 883 Lawrenceville Road, \$800.00**
- 6. 15-90 Resolution for Sewer Tax Refund for Block 8001, Lot 4, 4259 Province Line Road, \$977.60**
- 7. 15-91 Professional Services Agreement for Cherry Valley Road, Land Appraisal by Valuation Consultants LLC, Not to Exceed the Amount of \$5,000.00**
- 8. 15-92 Resolution Authorizing Use of State Contract #A81381 by Princeton, Monument Hall Video Surveillance, \$2,785.**

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller which was carried unanimously by those present.

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes)

**CLOSED SESSION**

**15-93 Negotiation/Personnel: Potential Land Acquisition, Personnel Update**

RESOLUTION  
TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION  
(Open Public Meetings Act Sec.3)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton:

1. This body will now convene into a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of an item or items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. The general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed in said session is as follows:

**Negotiation/Personnel: Potential Land Acquisition,  
Personnel Update**

3. Stated as precisely as presently possible, the following are the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted at said session can be disclosed to the public:

Within 90 days or upon settlement of litigation, if applicable

The above referenced issues were discussed by the Princeton Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott  
Municipal Clerk

**PALMER SQUARE MANAGEMENT**  
**EVENT SCHEDULE**  
**2015**

On March 9, 2015 Palmer Square Management, L.L.C. requests permission to use the park-like area known as The Green and the PSW, PSE, PSN, 1 PS right-of-way areas for a series of annual downtown events.

A Certificate of Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the Mayor and Council of Princeton as *Certificate Holder* and *Additional Insured* is on file in the Clerk's office through June 10, 2014. The annual certificate for June 11, 2015 - June 10, 2016 will be forwarded to the clerk's office.

The contact for each event held in Palmer Square is: Anita Fresolone, Director of Marketing, 609.921.2853 or [afresolone@palmersquare.com](mailto:afresolone@palmersquare.com).

*Palmer Square will work closely with Police and other officials re: Road Closures, Traffic Control and/or Health Permits. Sound permits will be obtained by Palmer Square Management for their events when required. Any changes or additions to this schedule will be communicated to Clerk's office.*

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**PI DAY PRINCETON (participant)**

Saturday, March 14: 3:14pm-4pm

Pie throwing contest will take place on the Green in celebration of Einstein's birthday.

**COMMUNIVERSITY (participant)**

Sunday, April 26: 1:00pm-6pm

Kids performance stage will be hosted on the Green. Work with AC and police re: Square road closures.  
*(Permits obtained by Arts Council)*

**9th ANNUAL GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

Thursday, May 14 (rain date: Friday, May 16): 4:00pm-9:00pm

An exclusive event featuring sales, discounts and free gifts from our tenants. Green will be utilized for check-in, music and food.

*(Health Inspector to be involved)*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCETON**

Saturday, May 23: 8:00am-12:30pm

Annual fundraiser for this group.

*(Permits obtained by Rotary)*

**SUMMER BLOCK PARTY PRESENTED BY JAZAMS AND PALMER SQUARE**

Friday, June 19: 6:00pm-11:00pm

Children's event featuring crafts, music and food on Palmer Square West, followed by a concert on the Green.

*(Police & Health Inspector to be involved)*

**SUMMER MUSIC SERIES**

Every Saturday in July and August: 2:00pm-4:00pm

An eclectic mix of musicians to perform each Saturday on the Green.

**SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**

One movie in June, July and August: 8:45pm

Family-friendly movies on the Green.

**DANCERS ON THE SQUARE PRESENTED BY YWCA PRINCETON**

Thursday, July TBD: 7:00pm-9:00pm (tentative)

Several dance troupes from town will do a special presentation on the Green.

**PRINCETON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MID-SUMMER MARKETING SHOWCASE**

Tuesday, July 21 (rain date: Wednesday, July 22)

4:30pm-7:00pm

Business showcase on the Green.

*(Permits obtained by Chamber)*

**SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE**

Friday-Sunday, August TBD: during regular store hours

Sidewalk sales featuring great deals from the stores on the Square, plus music on the Green.

**24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JAZZFEAST**

Sunday, September 20: Noon-6:00pm

Music/street festival featuring top jazz performers and popular area restaurants.

*(Police & Health Inspector to be involved)*

**OCTOBER EVENT TDB**

Sunday, October TBD: Noon-3pm

Fun, family event with fundraising element.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE SPONSORED BY THE ARTS COUNCIL OF PRINCETON**

October TDB: 5:00 pm

Parade gathers on the Palmer Square Green and marches to Hinds Plaza.

*(Police to be involved; Permits obtained by Arts Council)*

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

Friday, November 27: 4:45pm-6:00pm

Town-wide holiday kick-off, with musical performances and an appearance by Santa.

*(Police to be involved)*

**HOLIDAY A CAPELLA EVENT & TOY DRIVE**

Friday, December 4: 6:30pm-8:30pm (tentative)

A variety of student a capella groups singing and collecting Holiday toys for children.

**HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT**

Saturdays and Sundays, Late November through December:

2-hour afternoon time slots vary

Strolling musicians and singers around the Square/Green

December 24 – Caroling on the Green sponsored by the Arts Council

**ANNUAL MENORAH LIGHTING**

Wednesday, December 8: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Town-wide lighting of the Menorah. Palmer Square North Plaza.

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY #  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORMHISTORIC NAME:  
LOCATION: 31-33 Lytle StreetCOMMON NAME:  
BLOCK/LOT 15.02/72MUNICIPALITY: Princeton Boro  
USGS QUAD:  
OWNER/ADDRESS: Tash, Grover,  
33-33½ Lytle StreetCOUNTY: Mercer  
UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Northing/Easting

## DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c 1870

Source of Data: Inspection

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Italianate

Form/Plan Type: Rectangle

Number of Stories: 2 with basement

Foundation: Stuccoed over

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: 4 bays south facade, 2/2 vertical, regular

Roof/Chimneys: Gable, composition, 2 interior brick chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:

Double house of unequal sections. Entrances on right & left under porch with elaborate scroll sawn brackets with turned posts and brackets. Shelf lintels above windows. Louvered shutters throughout.

PHOTO Negative File #



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

On southside Lytle Street near John Street  
Large sycamore at curb. Pines in yard

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban  Suburban  Scattered Buildings   
Open Space  Woodland  Residential  Agricultural   
Industrial  Downtown Commercial  Highway Commercial  Other

Lytle Street is moderately trafficked. Next to the Park.

SIGNIFICANCE: This double house appears to be the product of two houses being joined together. The porch is unusually elaborate and intact for this neighborhood, but should be considered as a surviving example of detailing that used to be more common. All of its pieces, however, are stock details from the 1880's and '90's. The house appears on the Sanborn map of 1895, and seems to appear on the borough map of 1890.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent  Good

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes  Possible

THREATS TO SITE: Roads  Development

No Threat  Other

COMMENTS:

PRESENT USE: Same

Fair  Poor

No  Part of District

Zoning  Deterioration

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: Harris  
ORGANIZATION:

DATE: Summer 1980

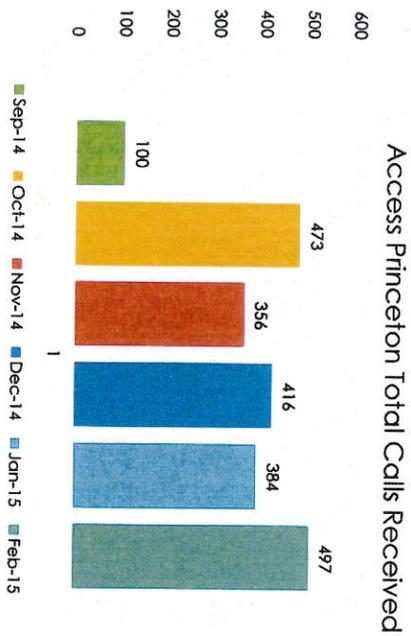


# Access Princeton Update

Christina Rohman-Iliff, Manager

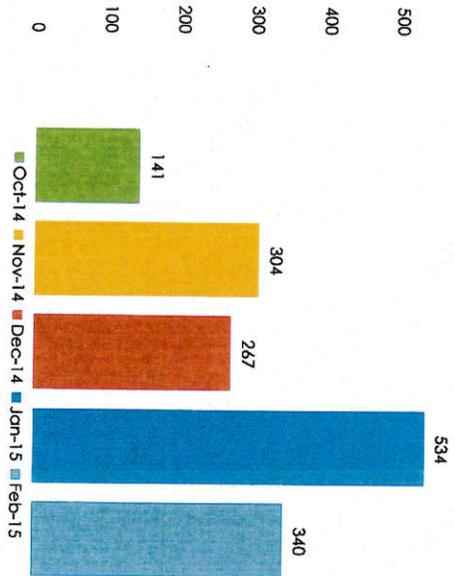
# What's happening in Access Princeton

- ▶ Call volume
- ▶ Reporting issues
- ▶ General inquiries
- ▶ Lobby questions
- ▶ Notary service

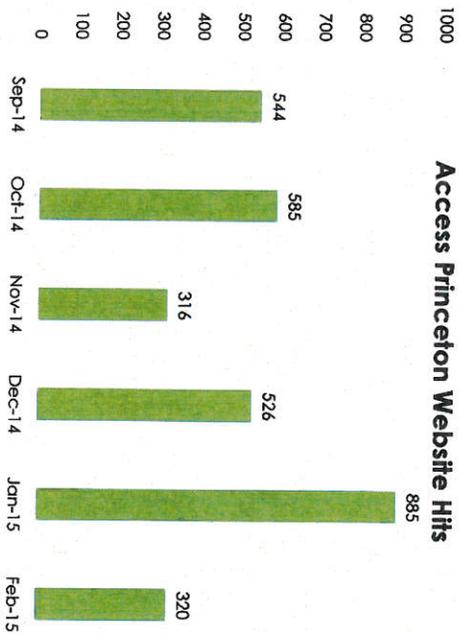


# Web Activity

Website hits  
Knowledge base hits  
Access Princeton Knowledge Base Hits



Access Princeton Website Hits



Department Leaders December,  
February 2015!

- ▶ Access Princeton
- ▶ Public Works
- ▶ Police

# Top issues reported December February, 2015

- ▶ *Access Princeton*
  - ▶ General Inquiry-873
  - ▶ Broken Parking Meter-62
  - ▶ Notary Service-39
  - ▶ Affordable Housing Event Registration-27
  - ▶ Missed Recycling Pick Up-23
- ▶ *Public Works*
  - ▶ Pothole-25
  - ▶ Missed Trash Pick Up-20
  - ▶ Snow Plowing Concerns-16
  - ▶ Sign Needs Repair-13

# More top issues reported

- ▶ **Police**
- ▶ **Snow Removal Violations-69**
- ▶ **Live Wildlife on Private Property-13**
- ▶ **Traffic Complaint-Non-Emergent-11**



**Snow removal violations - Closed**  
Liven & Harton Princeton, New Jersey

The area hasn't been cleared of snow or ice and is forcing people to walk in the roadway  
2/14/2016 Reported by: An anonymous Snow/Debris user Show Flag

Access Princeton (verified official)

Access Princeton assigned this issue to Police-C/Morgan  
2/16/2016 Flag

**Police S/NBL, Thomas (verified official)**  
Your issue is being reviewed.

2/15/2016 Flag

**Police S/NBL, Thomas (verified official)**  
summonses issued.

about 2 hours ago Flag

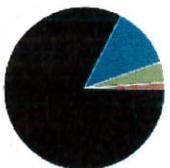
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