

PRINCETON COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room in the municipal complex.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boy Scout Troop #43

The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 January 18, 2013 at 2:00 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, Miller and Simon and Mayor Lempert.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Ms. Monzo, Mr. Kiser, Mr. Schmierer and Chief Dudeck.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dr. Marco Gottardis, Harris Road, discussed with Council the fact that he did not want to build 280 units on the former hospital site. He asked that the Task Force be open to the types of density on the site. He also said that we need to think more globally in terms of affordable housing.

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Kate Warren, Jefferson Road, also commented on the hospital site zoning. She said that 50 units per acre was too dense for the size of the site and that there needed to be a density closer to 100 to 127 units otherwise it would be out of scale with the area.

Karen Wilkenson, Food and Water Watch, provided information to the Council on proven water watch methods. She reminded Council that both governing bodies had adopted resolutions banning fracking in New Jersey and requested that the new Council adopt a similar resolution at a future meeting.

Kim Crawley, Jefferson Road spoke to Council about traffic issues specifically in the area of Jefferson Road and Moore Street. She said that the roads are often used as cut-throughs for traffic with many cars speeding and passing other cars on Moore Street. She said that there have many accidents on Moore Street and asked that a speed tracker be placed on the streets.

Holly Nelson, Leigh Avenue said that there is often a bottleneck at Witherspoon Street and Leigh Avenue because there is only two ways traffic can go. Ms. Nelson also discussed public land use along Witherspoon Street and how this causes conflict between the public and traffic issues.

Caroline Hancock, Laurel Road supported the no fracking ban.

David Petty, David Brearly Court, Griggs Farm spoke in favor of population density as it allows more people to live within walking distance to many more of the downtown businesses and working opportunities. He said that density is better for health, taxes, sustainability and walkability.

PROCLAMATION: 10th Anniversary, Jewish Community Youth Foundation

Mayor Lempert read a proclamation congratulating the Jewish Community Youth Foundation on their 10th Anniversary.

PRESENTATIONS: - Palmer Square Management, Announcement of 2013 Events
-Spirit of Princeton, 2013 Events

These items will be heard at the Council meeting of February 25, 2013.

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WORK SESSION
Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Kiosk Project

Peter Crowley, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce offered a power point presentation to the governing body regarding the Chambers KIOSK proposal.

Ms. Crumiller asked about the cost for advertising. Mr. Crowley said that they have not looked at that, but noted that it would probably be tiered pricing for Princeton businesses and Chamber members and would be handled by a third party. The Chamber did a request for proposals (RFP) to look at firms to handle the advertising. Mr. Simon asked what the public reaction has been. Mr. Crowley said that he had not had very much positive feedback from the public.

Ms. Butler said that there was a similar presentation at Traffic and Transportation and that the first priority was crosswalks. She said that she was concerned about ads on the pedestrian side.

Mr. Crowley said that they are looking to enhance the kiosks. Ms. Crumiller said that there is a lot of negativity surrounding the kiosks and said that she was against the project. She said that what we have now is messy and assaulted with advertising and she objected to the advertising.

Chip Crider, Bank Street said that we need to keep free speech and not make it too sterile. He said that the current kiosk has no rules and that is why they are messy. Taking away all the posting space would be wrong.

Mr. Liverman said that he thought Traffic and Transportation was looking into this project. He felt that they should look at this then report back to Council.

Ms. Howard said that Council does owe the Chamber an answer but should wait for the recommendation of Traffic and Transportation; however she was not sensing a lot of enthusiasm for the project.

Mr. Simon asked what the expected costs for the project were. Mr. Crowley thought that it would be approximately \$20,000. per kiosk or \$40,000.

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ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING: Police Extra Duty Pay

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF HOURLY PAY FOR POLICE EXTRA DUTY AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION: Fees for Dog Licenses

Mayor Lempert read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON ESTABLISHING FEES FOR DOG LICENSES.

Mr. Bruschi said that the proposed ordinance was revenue neutral and the proposed fees were in the middle of the fees previously charged by the Township and Borough.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Ms. Crumiller seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for February 25, 2013.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions, Corner House Encumbrance Requests, \$140,900.

Mr. Bruschi reviewed with Council the encumbrance requests for a total of \$140,900. for IT, soft furnishings and construction work for Corner House at the Monument Building. Mr. Bruschi recommended that Council approve the three resolutions supporting the encumbrances. Ms. Butler said that she was concerned about breaking the project into separate chunks and thought that we should know who the subcontractors were. Mr. Bruschi said that the law allows municipalities to split the labor and materials.

Deanna Stockton, Assistant Engineer said that the project is on track to begin next week with a six week turnaround.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the three encumbrance resolutions in a block. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes)

Resolution, Approving the 2013 Tree, Brush and Log Collection Schedule

Robert Hough, Director of Infrastructure and Operations, and Donald Hansen, Director of Public Works reviewed with Council the 2013 Tree, Brush and Log Collection Schedule.

Mr. Hough told Council that they realize that there will be a learning curve with the new program due to the Consolidation but said that this was a more structured program that will lend to more cleanliness of the municipality. Mr. Hansen said that the leaf bag program will continue. In describing the program, he said that the municipality will be divided into five areas and that the program is scheduled to last approximately eight weeks. Mr. Hansen said that during the spring there will be a two week program for the central business district.

Ms. Butler asked why the information was hand delivered. Mr. Hansen said that it was an effort to make sure that the right information goes to the right house in the right district. Ms. Butler asked that they be cognizant of the Riverside area when delivering the information.

Joe Small, Hawthorne Avenue, said that it would be nice to see a schedule and a map before Council votes to authorize the program.

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Ms. Butler said that she felt that people were pretty aware of the program and the schedule and did not see a need to wait for the vote. Mr. Simon suggested that the issue be tabled. Ms. Crumiller felt that she had enough information to vote tonight.

Ms. Butler offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing the 2013 The Tree, Brush and Log Collection Schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by five affirmative votes. Mr. Simon abstained as he felt the it was important to remain transparent and the schedule and map were not publically available.

MINUTES

January 1, 2013

The minutes were tabled until the Council meeting of February 25, 2013.

REPORTS

Mayor Lempert reported that she recently met with Senate President Stephen Sweeney and the Olympic Rowing Team.

CONSENT AGENDA

Contains items of a routine nature, which are approved by a single vote.

a. Bills and Claims

b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantees:

- Princeton Friends School, Annex and Additions, Renovations of Schoolmaster's House, Release of Performance Guaranty contingent upon retaining of a cash amount of \$11,274.65 which is 15% of the reduced guaranty amount, serving as the required two (2) year maintenance guaranty.

-Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority, River Road Headworks Facility, Completion Time Extension to February 28, 2014.

c. Spirit of Princeton, Fee Waivers, 2013 Events

d. Professional Services Agreements:

- Allen D. Porter, Esq., Planning Board Attorney, Not to Exceed \$200. to \$205. per hour
- Karen L. Cayci, Esq., Conflict Council, Planning Board, Not to Exceed \$165. per hour
- Stormwater Management Consulting, LLC; Detention Basin G Formal Dam Safety Inspection, Not To Exceed \$3,500.

e. Resolution of Support: National Recreation Trails Grant

f. Resolution and Shared Services Agreement: 2013 Municipal Alliance Contract, \$28,020.

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- g. Resolution Establishing The Mayor's Emergency Preparedness Task Force
- h. Resolution Establishing the freeB Task Force
- i. Resolution and Agreement: Amendment to Princeton Sewer Operating Committee 2012 Dumpster contract.
- j. Resolution and Agreement: Approval of Scanning Contract; SHI/Large Doc Solutions, Not To Exceed \$36,120.
- k. Resolution and Agreement: 2013 Canoe Concession for Turning Basin Park
- l. Resolution: Appointments, Boards and Commissions
- m. Resolution: Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey

Ms. Howard offered a motion to approve the items "b,c, e,f, g, h, i and m" on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

Regarding item "a" Bills and Claims, Ms. Crumiller said that there had been trouble in the Borough regard Legal bills and she felt that there was a need for any legal bills to be thoroughly examined. Ms. Howard said that she looked at the legal bills and having reviewed them, found them reasonable. Ms. Howard said that they will be reviewed formally going forward. Ms. Butler suggested that Council hold off in approving the legal bills. Ms. Howard said that she respectfully disagreed and that after review, she felt that they were reasonable. She noted that if we continue to drag out payments, we will be billed at a higher rate in the future. Mr. Liverman said that he was comfortable moving forward. Ms. Crumiller agreed.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve item "a" Bills and Claims, including the legal bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by five affirmative votes. Ms. Butler voted in the negative.

Regarding item "d" Professional Services Agreements, Ms. Butler asked why Allen Porter did not handle Avalon Bay. Mr. Schmierer responded that Mr. Muller litigates and Mr. Porter did not litigate. Mr. Simon asked if there was a temporary budget cap for the Planning Board. Mr. Miller said that he thought the wording in the resolution was not clear. Mr. Schmierer said that he would clarify the contract numbers in the resolution and contracts.

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve item "d" as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

Item "j", SHI/Large Doc Solutions contract was tabled until the Council meeting of February 25, 2013.

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Regarding item “k”, Canoe Concession Agreement, Mr. Kiser said that the amount for the agreement is \$4,600. It was suggested that the noted amount of \$1300. be changed to \$1500. Mr. Simon offered a motion to approve item “k” as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

For item “l” Boards and Commissions, it was suggested that Susan Nemeth’s name be removed leaving David Goldfarb. Patrick Simon and Lance Liverman’s names were also added to the Transit Task Force.

Mr. Simon offered a motion to approve item “l” as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes.)

CLOSED SESSION

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:

Negotiations
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

- Klepper Property, Princeton Ridge

The above referenced issue was discussed by the Princeton Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Municipal Clerk

Issue Prioritization and Goal-Setting

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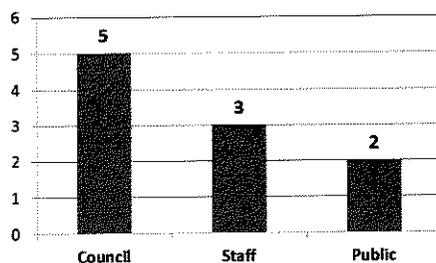
OVERVIEW | Baseline Data

This document summarizes baseline data gathered from submissions by Council Members, department heads and members of the public, both in electronic and hard-copy format, between 17 December 2012 and 16 January 2013. In total, more than 400 individual items were submitted. In cases of duplicate submissions by the same respondent, the duplicate item was removed from the dataset; however, submissions on the same topic from multiple individuals were retained.

Submissions have been grouped together in this document to assist in review and consideration under common “umbrella” topic areas. The topic areas are presented in no particular order.

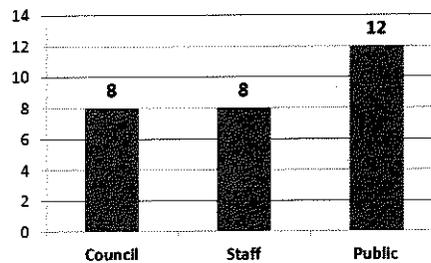
TOPIC 1 | Emergency Preparedness

Ten (10) submissions pointed to the importance of developing an adequate emergency response plan for the community. Several specifically referenced the recent experience of Hurricane Sandy as driving heightened awareness of this issue. Submissions also noted that enhancing preparedness is most important among the elderly and underserved; a “community social infrastructure” is an important element of a proactive community preparedness strategy; and a coordinated network / working group of staff, residents and departments such as Human Services, Affordable Housing, Corner House, Senior Resources and others is key to ensuring adequate response.



TOPIC 2 | Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Twenty-eight (28) submissions identified issues related to emergency services in general.



Police Services

Of that total, eighteen (18) touched on matters related to the Police Department, including:

- Developing a hiring list and replacement plan for officers;
- Restoring community policing;
- Creating a trusting, interactive Police-public relationship that promotes communication and accountability;
- Achieving the out-year savings contemplated in the merger plan;
- Guarding against service reductions as a result of merger, and measuring service levels at different manpower levels;
- Reaching a determination with the County Prosecutor's office regarding the University's separate 911 call center and its interface with the Department;
- Establishing a website form allowing residents to inform the Department when they will be away from home for a period of time;
- Ordinancing the Department, its ranks and related;
- Establishing a documented working relationship between the Department and the University;
- Reducing the size of the Department and redoubling its focus on "going after criminals...rather than traffic tickets"; and
- Establishing a "SAVE" program to help with adoption and public outreach.

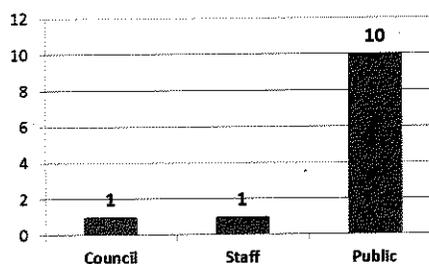
Fire and Emergency Services

The remaining ten (10) submissions in this issue category addressed fire and emergency services, including:

- Consolidating fire departments;
- Renovating, expanding and / or constructing new fire facilities;
- Providing for additional staffing to the Office of Emergency Management;
- Addressing the replacement of current fire apparatus, possibly in coordination with the University;
- Assisting with PFARS' capital fund drive, including lending them advice, making contacts on their behalf, and considering how the municipality can help in the actual financing; and
- Considering a merger of the Director of Emergency Services with the Fire / Housing Inspection function to capitalize on substantive synergies.

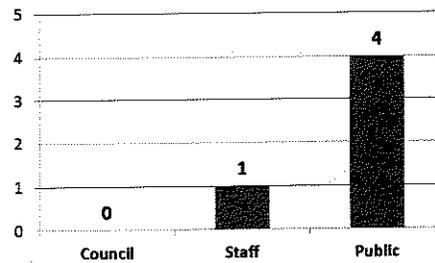
TOPIC 3 | Public Transportation

Twelve (12) submissions identified issues related to public transportation. Half of those encouraged expansion of options and access in and around Princeton, particularly through the "FreeB" bus. The other half explicitly identified the "Dinky" issue.



TOPIC 4 | Senior Services and PSRC

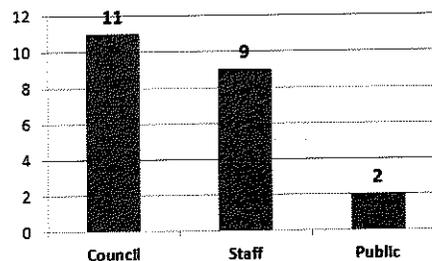
Five (5) submissions identified issues related to senior services in the community. Four (4) of those specifically requested renovation of the bathrooms in the Suzanne Patterson Building; the other addressed an expansion of senior programming through public-private partnership opportunities.



TOPIC 5 | Fees and Ordinances

Twenty-two (22) submissions identified issues related to fees and ordinances for the new municipality. Nearly all of them pertained to harmonizing the former Borough and Township ordinances, with specific references to the following:

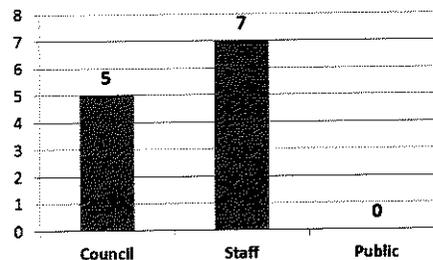
- Fee harmonization for 2013 simply defaulted to whichever rate (Borough or Township) was highest, so a review of fee levels and appropriateness is warranted;
- Taxi rates, dog licenses and solicitor fees need to be established;
- Differences in ordinated administrative practices between the Borough and Township must be reconciled;
- Disparate Borough-Township code requirements pertaining to rental housing inspections, fire inspections, and fire / burglar alarm registration and enforcement need to be unified;
- Ordinances governing historic preservation and shade trees need to be synchronized;
- The five-year timeline for comprehensive review of the municipality's ordinances should be formalized; and
- The Council should give consideration to new ordinances covering underage drinking and easing residential renovations / expansions.



TOPIC 6 | Personnel and Labor

Twelve (12) submissions identified issues related to personnel policies and labor matters:

- A third of those identified salary harmonization among the new municipality's staff members – particularly among similar positions in the Department of Public Works;
- Another third identified pending labor negotiations with bargaining units; and
- The remainder identified specific issues such as the “work from home” policy, harmonizing employee policy and procedures manuals, and a pending grievance concerning certain Health Department personnel.



TOPIC 7 | Facilities and Equipment

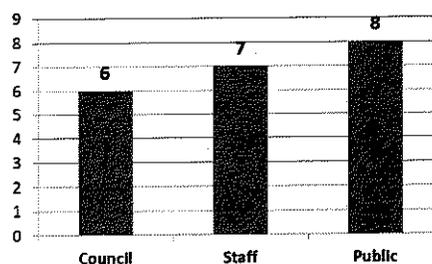
Twenty-one (21) submissions identified issues related to capital facilities and equipment:

- Eight (8) of those specifically referenced the need to address renovation / relocation options for the Department of Public Works and related functions.
- Determining the future status of Valley Road School was another common submission, identified by six (6) respondents, including the potential for moving Corner House and TV30 from their Valley Road locations.

Other submissions identified:

- The need to award renovation contracts for the Police Department facilities and Corner House relocation;

- The importance of determining and implementing a common signage and stationary for municipal facilities and equipment; and
- Determining the future disposition of the former Borough Hall, including the potential to use it as a revenue source.



TOPIC 8 | Planning, Zoning and Redevelopment

Thirty-six (36) submissions identified issues related to planning, zoning and redevelopment. The issues range from the very general (*i.e.* develop a new vision for the town) to the very specific (*i.e.* rezone Alexander Street to mixed use). The responses are categorized below by broad subcategory.

Vision and Master Plan

Issues submitted that pertain to the broad development of a community “vision” and Master Plan included:

- Creating a new development vision or affirming the existing one, and related, rewriting the vision statement at the top of the Master Plan;
- Reconciling the previously different perspectives on open space between the Borough and Township;
- Identifying projects that yield greater sustainability;
- Developing a “green” building checklist to encourage developers to build more sustainably;
- Similarly, requiring new land use ordinances to have PEC checklists and alternative energy use in new commercial buildings;
- Establishing a permanent easement for the Textile Research Institute;

- Enhancing open space in the community, improving access to open space already acquired, and developing a management plan for passive open space; and
- Mitigating the rate of development growth in the community.

Zoning and Redevelopment

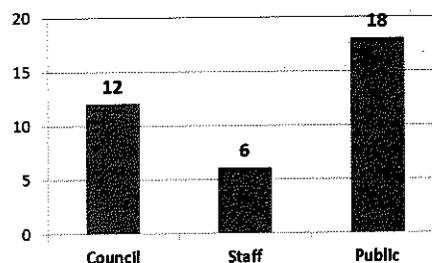
Issues submitted that pertain to zoning codes and redevelopment issues included:

- Seven (7) respondents addressing the former hospital site, and encouraging a review and revision of the zoning to encourage community-friendly development;
- Focusing on Nassau, Witherspoon and Alexander Streets;
- Incorporating design standards into zoning regulations;
- Revising zoning regulations that permit large buildings that compromise “small town ambiance”; and
- Moving forward on initiatives identified in 2012, including cluster development, RMU on Alexander, the Shopping Center and green building standards.

Planning

Issues submitted that pertain to planning issues included:

- Four (4) respondents addressing the need to develop a plan for implementation of Advisory Planning Districts;
- Ensuring adequate capacity to process the significant increase in volume of construction permits resulting from recent Planning Board approvals; and
- Protecting residential neighborhoods from development, encroachment and oversized lots.



TOPIC 9 | Traffic and Parking

Twenty-four (24) submissions identified issues related to traffic, circulation and parking. Several respondents addressed the issue of traffic volume generally, noting the Council should address:

- Integrating the traffic, transportation and Master Plan circulation element studies;
- Reducing truck usage of Route 206; and
- Improving the overall flow and management of traffic, potentially through the use of roundabouts (in lieu of traffic lights).

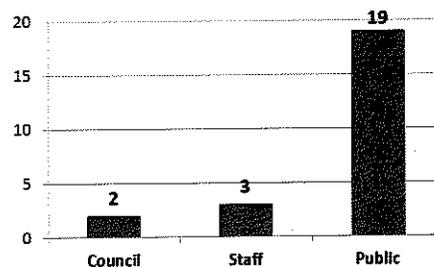
Other respondents were more specific, encouraging the Council to:

- Install four-way stops at Hamilton/Snowden and Wiggins/Moore;
- Enforce speed limits on North Harrison;
- Install flashing lights at Washington and Nassau; and
- Reduce traffic on Alexander rather than widen the bridge.

Several respondents referenced the concept of a “car-less” community, increasing access and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and others.

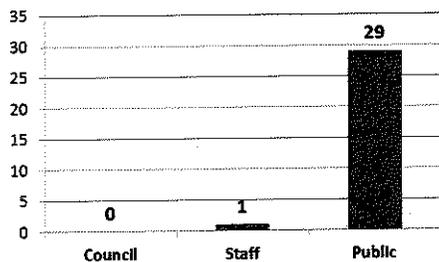
Others identified parking issues, including:

- Adequacy of municipal when the Community Pool is open;
- Expanding parking options downtown and around the library;
- Exploring the potential for “remote” parking access to downtown;
- Improving the parking garage payment system; and
- Enforcement of existing “no parking” zones.



TOPIC 10 | Historic Preservation

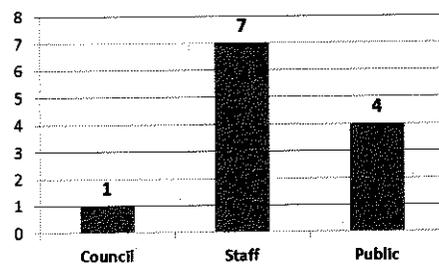
Thirty (30) submissions identified issues related to historic preservation. Nearly all – twenty-eight (28) – addressed the Morven Tract Historic District, with residents of that area expressing opposition or support. The other submissions were more general, encouraging the development of a cohesive historic preservation ordinance (from the previous Borough’s and Township’s) and making residents more aware of historic areas.



TOPIC 11 | Affordable Housing and Human Services

Twelve (12) submissions identified issues related to affordable housing and human services, as follows:

- Developing a coherent affordable housing policy that bridges the former Borough and Township plans;
- Providing administrative staffing assistance to support the affordable housing and human services functions;
- Improving access to affordable housing in Princeton;
- Creating a “proactive social infrastructure” for all residents through coordination of affordable housing, human services, health and senior programming; and
- Repairing balconies of affordable housing units in Griggs Farm.



TOPIC 12 | Governance, Administration and Communications

Fifty-three (53) submissions focused on issues related to general governance, administration and public communications in the new municipality. Thirty-eight (38) of those items pertain to governance and administration, in the following general categories.

Working Relationships

- Develop guidelines and procedures that foster a collaborative and engaging “team” environment for Council and staff;
- Collaborative and respectful interactions between and among Council members will best serve the public;
- Acknowledge the respective roles of the Council, Administrator and staff in setting and implementing policy;
- Consider implementation of the Community Safety Leadership (CSL) committee;
- More clearly define tasks and responsibilities of the Clerk’s office and municipal attorney; and
- Ensure Council is accessing and considering the necessary research and analysis to balance the long-term ramifications of its decisions.

Administrator Succession

Four (4) submissions identified the need to begin planning for succession in the role of Municipal Administrator.

Meetings

- Discuss the use/role of a consent agenda;
- Ensure meeting minutes are completed promptly;
- Set dates for meetings among the Council, Consolidation Commission and Transition Task Force;
- Adhere to the intent and spirit of open meetings regulations and avoiding closed sessions whenever possible; and
- Provide a more inclusive atmosphere for public input at municipal meetings (*e.g.* more than 3 minutes for discussion).

Boards, Commissions and Committees

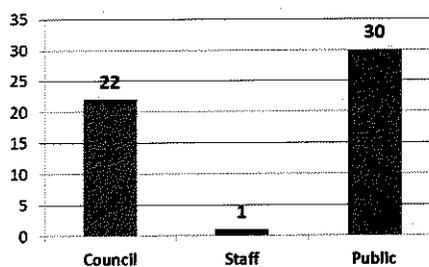
- Better coordinating across boards on a regular basis;
- Create an environment where volunteers are valued and supported by Council and staff;
- Seek opportunities to task boards with specific items in their purview that the Governing Body is otherwise unable to address in the immediate term; and
- Engage residents in the planning process, especially those who have recently volunteered on boards, commissions and committees.

General Governance Items

- Update the political climate to reflect the combined town;
- Develop a staff policy to optimize customer service;
- Identify a single person / office to deal with the community's nonprofit institutions;
- Redesign business processes within the municipality by implementing Transition Task Force recommendations;
- Develop a bold strategic governance plan for the next ten years;
- Transition to electronic records storage; and
- Appoint an armored car service for the municipality.

General Communications

- Enhance open government and transparency through a variety of technological means;
- Increase communication through email updates and newsletters;
- Ensure transparency of municipal governance and operations;
- Establish a communications policy and outreach plan; and
- Improve the website experience by deciding on a vendor and price point, linking users from the old site to the new site, migrating information from CGR's consolidation site to the municipal site, and providing access to electronic forms.

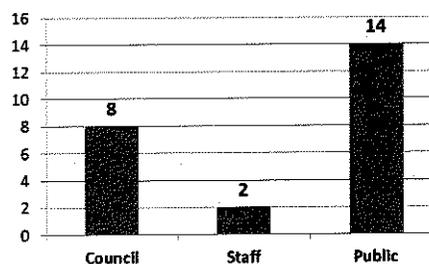


TOPIC 13 | Garbage, Recycling and Organic Waste

Twenty-four (24) submissions focused on issues related to garbage, recycling and organic waste. On the matter of garbage, respondents cited a need to more strictly enforce garbage ordinances; implementing a new contract for trash pickup; adding trash cans throughout town, particularly on metered streets; providing no-cost side-yard pickup for residents on fixed income; continuing the Downtown Garbage Task Force; shifting to uniform rollout bins; emptying cans on Nassau and Witherspoon more regularly; and charging fees by the bag.

With respect to recycling, respondents suggested improving recycling options downtown; implementing recycling plan registrations; and attaching recycling containers to public trash cans.

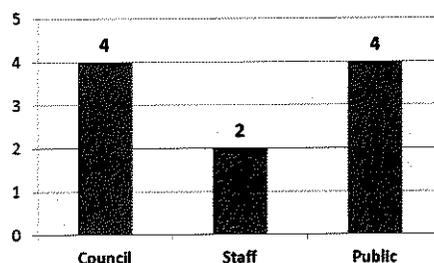
Regarding organic waste, submissions referenced a need to implement a compost program for up to 1,000 households; extending existing food and organic waste recycling; harmonizing leaf and brush pickup town-wide; determining whether a registration fee will be levied for organic waste; defining rules regarding curbs to mitigate leaves and brush in the street; and possibly providing yard signs that encourage composting among neighbors.



TOPIC 14 | Parks and Recreation

Ten (10) submissions focused on issues related to parks and recreation services. They included:

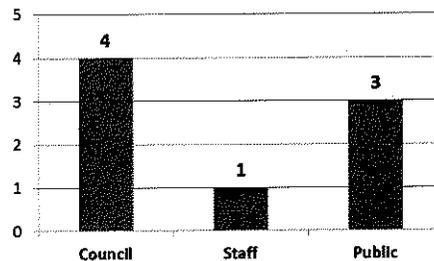
- Considering the establishment of a parks commission (or standalone Parks Department) along with the position of parks director;
- Levying a nonresident surcharge for park usage;
- Designing and constructing an artificial turf field; and
- Providing greater dog access, either through creation of a dog park or opening the public pool to dogs post-season.



TOPIC 15 | Consolidation Process and Transition Costs

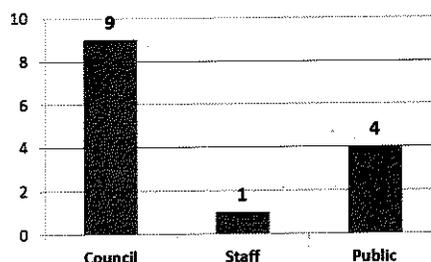
Eight (8) submissions focused on issues related to the formal consolidation process and transition costs, including:

- Continuing to seek additional financial savings;
- Monitoring the tax impact of consolidation;
- Maintaining service levels; and
- Seeking state reimbursement of transition expenses.



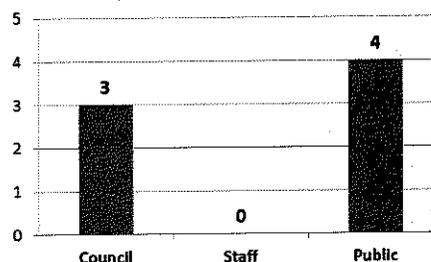
TOPIC 16 | University Relations

Fourteen (14) submissions focused on the relationship between the new municipality and Princeton University (and in several cases, tax-exempt institutions in general). They included building a strong, positive relationship between the town and campus, possibly through the creation of a formal committee or task force charged with town-campus relations; negotiating a new PILOT agreement with the University and other tax-exempts; and considering the town's position on State Assembly bill A2586.



TOPIC 17 | Legal

Seven (7) submissions focused on the issues related to legal matters. In general, respondents encouraged having a policy governing the use of outside counsel by the municipality; tracking and monitoring legal costs going forward (as well as carryover costs from 2012); possibly establishing a legal oversight committee to monitor legal services; and ensuring the entire Council is seeking and receiving timely and appropriate counsel on controversial legal matters. Another respondent suggested the potential to reduce legal costs through greater use of community forums.



TOPIC 18 | Budget, Financial and Taxes

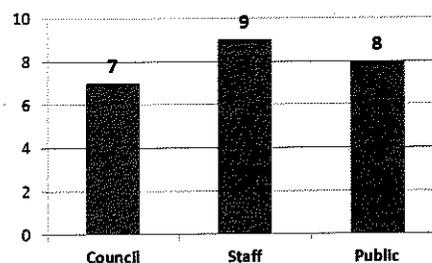
Twenty-four (24) submissions focused on the issues related to the town budget (including capital planning), general financial matters or taxes. General budget matters cited included:

- Developing the 2013 budget;
- Improving budget transparency to enhance Council and public understanding;
- Appointing an outside auditor;
- Engaging in short- and long-term financial planning for the community;
- Seeking new and alternative ways to generate revenues;
- Completing a comparative study of Princeton's municipal costs and services; and
- Continuing to seek out redundancies and inefficiencies as a way to pay for new projects and programs.

Submissions pertaining to the capital program included:

- Developing and approving a capital improvement budget for 2013;
- Developing a multi-year capital budgeting plan; and
- Completing a vehicle inventory to guide replacement decisions and planning.

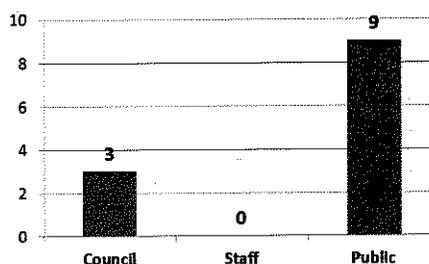
On the issue of taxes, submissions were relatively similar in citing the importance of stabilizing property taxes or, ideally, reducing them.



TOPIC 19 | Economic Development

Twelve (12) submissions focused on the issues related to economic development, including:

- Encouraging downtown kiosks in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce;
- Capitalizing on retail / commercial development opportunities along North Nassau and Murray;
- Creating a Small Business or Economic Commission and / or a commission specific to the business district;
- Promoting shopping locally;
- Devising a methodology for determining financial impacts of development; and
- Promoting the region as a tourist destination and hub for research and development.



TOPIC 20 | Public Health and Inspections

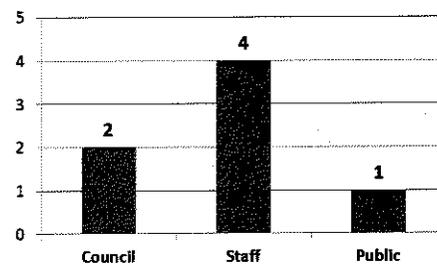
Seven (7) submissions focused on the issues related to public health and safety in general. Some addressed inspections, including:

- Determining if the town will be enforcing state / local fire codes in multiple family dwellings (because the Borough did but the Township did not);
- Determining if the town will be performing rental housing inspections in multiple family dwellings or transferring that responsibility to the State Bureau of Housing Inspection; and

- Addressing inspections for issuance of Certificate of Smoke Detector compliance at closings for sale of detached dwellings.

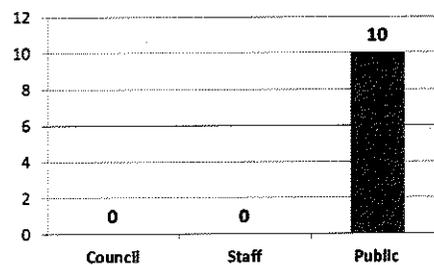
Other public health suggestions included:

- Gauging the impact of the hospital's closure on health care access, and generally ensuring access to quality health care and prevention services;
- Promoting a healthier community; and
- Ensuring food security for residents.



TOPIC 21 | Cell Towers

Ten (10) submissions focused on cellular-related issues. Nine of those submissions specifically addressed the status of the cell tower on Snowden Lane; the other cited the poor cell coverage town-wide.

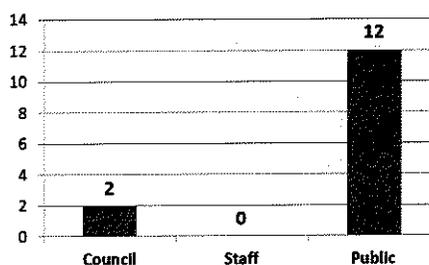


TOPIC 22 | Infrastructure and Sewers

Fourteen (14) submissions focused on issues related to infrastructure generally or sewers in particular. Regarding sewers, respondents mentioned completing the sewer project on Park Place and replacing the sewer line on Moore Street. Other infrastructure matters included:

- Reviewing the stormwater management program;

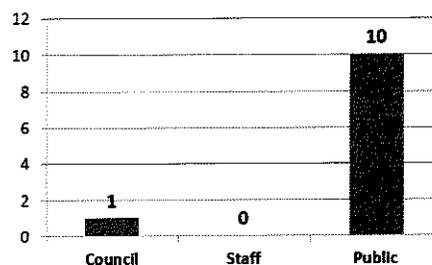
- Working with PSE&G to address consistent power outages and potentially place power lines underground;
- Addressing curbs and storm drains on Snowden Lane;
- Fixing potholes;
- Exploring options for replacing the incinerator at Stony Brook; and
- Appointing a committee to address infrastructure.



TOPIC 23 | Walkability and Biking

Eleven (11) submissions focused “walkability” and biking in the community:

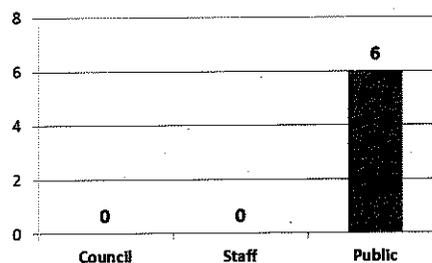
- Implementing pedestrian safety measures in specific areas, including Tulane and Witherspoon, at Nassau and Witherspoon, and along Harrison Street;
- Improving lighting at crosswalks;
- Promoting walkability more generally, including through education of children on the merits of walking and biking;
- Adding public benches throughout town;
- Creating a bike map showing Princeton’s trails and routes;
- Converting Tehune (between Bertrand and Gulick Preserve) into a bike path;
- Adding bike racks on Nassau near Labyrinth bookstore; and
- Adding a gravel path around Mountain Lakes Dam.



TOPIC 24 | Sustainability

Six (6) submissions focused issues dealing with sustainability, including:

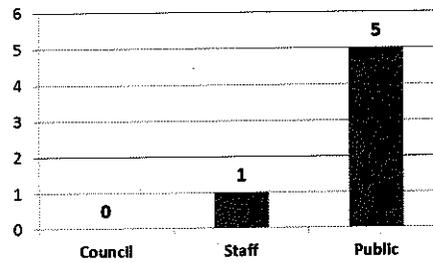
- Combat global climate change;
- Improve the environment through the use of modern building codes, green building rules and composting;
- Buy electric cars for the parking enforcement team, or encourage them to walk; and
- Qualify Princeton as a “Transition Town.”



TOPIC 25 | Sidewalks

Six (6) submissions focused sidewalks:

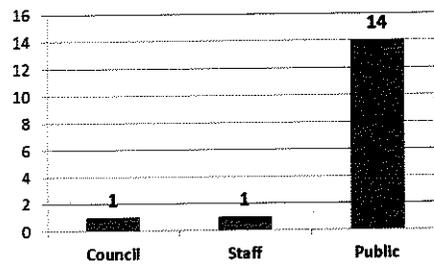
- Make them usable and safer by keeping clear of brush, ice and snow;
- Enforce the no bike-riding-on-sidewalk ordinance; and
- Determine a unified sidewalk replacement policy, as it was a municipal responsibility in the Borough but a resident responsibility in the Township.



MISCELLANEOUS

Sixteen (16) submissions fell outside the aforementioned issue categories:

- Establishing a venue / “entry point” for addressing issues and answering questions specific to the Hispanic community;
- Improving the regularity / transparency of reassessments;
- Establishing a Mercer County Connection in Princeton;
- Using a single post office in town;
- Encouraging diversity;
- Providing entertainment options for teens, in partnership with merchants;
- Tightening gun control;
- Reviewing organizations that receive public support;
- Ensuring contractors follow rules regarding tree cutting;
- Reducing health care costs;
- Increasing the budget for tree replacement;
- Using wood debris for energy production;
- Preserving the John Street neighborhood; and
- Reviewing outside café seating ordinances.



APPENDIX | Master Issues List

1: Emergency Preparedness

- 1.1 Enhance preparedness, esp. among elderly, disabled and underserved
- 1.2 Build community social infrastructure
- 1.3 Service and system coordination to improve responsiveness
- 1.4 Emergency management plan

2: Police, Fire and Emergency Services

- 2.1 Hiring list to prepare for officer retirements
- 2.2 Restore community policing
- 2.3 Trust, interactivity of police-community relationship
- 2.4 Out-year savings in plan for Police Department
- 2.5 Sustain service levels for Police Department
- 2.6 Determination on 911 system vis-à-vis University
- 2.7 Website for citizen communication to police
- 2.8 Ordinance Police Department (ranks, etc.)
- 2.9 Document working relationship between police and University
- 2.10 Police Department size
- 2.11 Establish a SAVE program to help with adoptions, outreach
- 2.12 Fire department consolidation
- 2.13 Fire facilities
- 2.14 OEM staffing capacity
- 2.15 Fire apparatus replacement plan
- 2.16 PFARS capital fund drive assistance
- 2.17 Interaction of Dir of Emergency Services and fire/housing inspection

3: Public Transportation

- 3.1 Expand options and access (FreeB, etc.)
- 3.2 Dinky

4: Senior Services and PSRC

- 4.1 Renovation of SPB bathrooms
- 4.2 Senior programming expansion

5: Fees and Ordinances

- 5.1 Fee level review, harmonization
- 5.2 Taxi rates
- 5.3 Dog license fees

- 5.4 Solicitor fees
- 5.5 Harmonize ordinated administrative practices
- 5.6 Harmonize code requirements re: inspections, registration, etc.
- 5.7 Harmonize ordinances for historic preservation
- 5.8 Harmonize ordinances for shade trees
- 5.9 Formalize timeline for 5-year review of ordinances
- 5.10 New ordinance covering underage drinking
- 5.11 New ordinance covering residential renovations / expansions

6: Personnel and Labor

- 6.1 Salary harmonization
- 6.2 Collective bargaining agreements
- 6.3 Work from home policy
- 6.4 Harmonize policies and procedures
- 6.5 Resolve grievance concerning Health Department personnel

7: Facilities and Equipment

- 7.1 Public works facilities
- 7.2 Valley Road School
- 7.3 Police Department renovations
- 7.4 Corner House relocation
- 7.5 Signage, stationary, etc. consistency
- 7.6 Status of former Borough Hall

8: Planning, Zoning and Redevelopment

- 8.1 Development vision statement
- 8.2 Open space policy
- 8.3 Sustainable development
- 8.4 Green building checklist
- 8.5 Alternative energy use in commercial buildings
- 8.6 Easement for Textile Research Institute
- 8.7 Open space access
- 8.8 Open space equity
- 8.9 Rate of development
- 8.10 Former hospital site
- 8.11 Nassau, Witherspoon and Alexander development
- 8.12 Design standards
- 8.13 Zoning regulations vis-à-vis building size
- 8.14 Cluster development
- 8.15 RMU on Alexander
- 8.16 Shopping Center
- 8.17 Advisory Planning Districts

8.18 Capacity for processing construction permits

9: Traffic and Parking

- 9.1 Integrate traffic, transportation and circulation element studies
- 9.2 Truck traffic on Route 206
- 9.3 Traffic flow and management
- 9.4 Hamilton / Snowden intersection
- 9.5 Wiggins / Moore intersection
- 9.6 Speed limits on North Harrison
- 9.7 Flashing lights at Washington and Nassau
- 9.8 Traffic volume / speed on Alexander
- 9.9 Adequacy of municipal parking
- 9.10 Downtown parking options
- 9.11 Remote parking for downtown
- 9.12 Parking garage payment system
- 9.13 Enforcement of “no parking” zones

10: Historic Preservation

- 10.1 Morven Tract Historic District
- 10.2 Harmonize historic preservation ordinance
- 10.3 Public awareness of historic areas

11: Affordable Housing and Human Services

- 11.1 Harmonize affordable housing policies
- 11.2 Affordable housing / human services staffing capacity
- 11.3 Affordable housing access
- 11.4 Proactive social infrastructure through service coordination
- 11.5 Balconies of units in Griggs Farm

12: Governance, Administration and Communication

- 12.1 Collaborative environment for Council, staff interaction
- 12.2 Respectful interactions among Council members
- 12.3 Roles of Council vis-à-vis Administrator and staff
- 12.4 Community Safety Leadership committee
- 12.5 Define tasks of Clerk’s office
- 12.6 Define tasks of municipal attorney
- 12.7 Council access to adequate research, analysis on long-term impacts
- 12.8 Administrator succession plan
- 12.9 Use of consent agenda
- 12.10 Meeting minutes
- 12.11 Joint meetings of Council, Commission and Task Force

- 12.12 Open meetings
- 12.13 Inclusive atmosphere that encourages public input at meetings
- 12.14 Coordination among boards, commissions and committees
- 12.15 Value and support volunteer board members
- 12.16 Task boards with key issues Council cannot address
- 12.17 Public engagement
- 12.18 Political climate to reflect consolidated town
- 12.19 Customer service policy for staff
- 12.20 Individual / office to deal with nonprofits
- 12.21 Ten-year strategic governance plan
- 12.22 Redesign business processes vis-à-vis TTF recommendations
- 12.23 Electronic records storage
- 12.24 Armored car service for municipality
- 12.25 Open government and transparency via technology
- 12.26 Public communication via email, newsletter
- 12.27 Communications policy and outreach plan
- 12.28 Improve website experience

13: Garbage, Recycling and Organic Waste

- 13.1 Enforcement of garbage ordinances
- 13.2 Trash collection contract
- 13.3 Availability of public trash cans throughout town, in key areas
- 13.4 Free side-yard pickup for elderly, residents on fixed income
- 13.5 Downtown Garbage Task Force
- 13.6 Uniform rollout bins
- 13.7 Emptying cans on Nassau and Witherspoon with more regularity
- 13.8 Garbage fee charged by the bag
- 13.9 Recycling options downtown
- 13.10 Recycling plan registrations
- 13.11 Attaching recycling containers to public trash cans
- 13.12 Compost program
- 13.13 Harmonize brush and leaf pickup
- 13.14 Registration fee determination for organic waste
- 13.15 Rules regarding curbs to mitigate leaves, brush in street
- 13.16 Yard signs that encourage composting

14: Parks and Recreation

- 14.1 Parks Commission (or department)
- 14.2 Parks Director
- 14.3 Nonresident surcharge for park usage
- 14.4 Constructing an artificial turf field
- 14.5 Greater dog friendly options (e.g. dog park or pool access)

15: Consolidation Process and Costs

- 15.1 Additional financial savings
- 15.2 Tracking tax impact
- 15.3 Maintenance of service levels
- 15.4 State reimbursement of transition costs

16: University Relations

- 16.1 Fostering strong, positive relationship with University
- 16.2 Formal committee to handle town-campus relations
- 16.3 PILOT agreement
- 16.4 Position on State Assembly bill A2586

17: Legal

- 17.1 Policy governing use of outside counsel
- 17.2 Tracking and monitoring of legal costs
- 17.3 Legal oversight committee
- 17.4 Council access to appropriate counsel on controversial matters
- 17.5 Cost reduction through greater use of public forums

18: Budget, Financial and Taxes

- 18.1 Fiscal 2013 budget
- 18.2 Budget transparency
- 18.3 Outside auditor
- 18.4 Short- and long-term financial planning
- 18.5 New / alternative revenue sources
- 18.6 Comparative study of costs and services
- 18.7 Eliminate redundancies, inefficiencies to fund new programs
- 18.8 Capital improvement budget for 2013
- 18.9 Multi-year capital budget plan
- 18.10 Vehicle inventory as guide to replacement planning

19: Economic Development

- 19.1 Downtown kiosks in partnership with Chamber
- 19.2 Development opportunities along North Nassau, Murray
- 19.3 Small Business / Economic Development Commission
- 19.4 Business District Commission
- 19.5 Shopping locally
- 19.6 Methodology for determining financial impacts of development
- 19.7 Promoting region as tourist destination

19.8 Promoting region as hub for research and development

20: Public Health and Inspections

- 20.1 Harmonize policy on state / local fire codes in multi-fam dwellings
- 20.2 Determination on rental housing inspections in multi-fam dwellings
- 20.3 Inspections for issuance of Cert of Smoke Detector
- 20.4 Impact of hospital's closure on health care access
- 20.5 Access to quality health care and prevention services
- 20.6 Promotion of healthier community
- 20.7 Food security for residents

21: Cell Towers

- 21.1 Status of cell tower on Snowden
- 21.2 Quality of cell service town-wide

22: Infrastructure and Sewers

- 22.1 Stormwater management program review
- 22.2 Consistent power outages / work with PSE&G
- 22.3 Potholes
- 22.4 Options for incinerator replacement at Stony Brook
- 22.5 Appointing an infrastructure committee

23: Walkability and Biking

- 23.1 Pedestrian safety measures at Tulane and Witherspoon
- 23.2 Pedestrian safety measures at Nassau and Witherspoon
- 23.3 Pedestrian safety measures along Harrison
- 23.4 Improved lighting at crosswalks
- 23.5 Promotion of walkability through education
- 23.6 Addition of public benches throughout town
- 23.7 Creation of a bike map
- 23.8 Conversion of Tehune (between Bertrand, Gulick) into bike path
- 23.9 Addition of bike racks on Nassau near bookstore
- 23.10 Addition of gravel path around Mountain Lakes Dam

24: Sustainability

- 24.1 Combating global climate change
- 24.2 Modern building codes and green building rules
- 24.3 Electric cars for parking enforcement team
- 24.4 Princeton as "Transition Town"

25: Sidewalks

- 25.1 Keeping clear of brush, ice, snow
- 25.2 Enforcement of no-bike-riding-on-sidewalk ordinance
- 25.3 Harmonize sidewalk replacement policy

26: Miscellaneous

- 26.1 "Entry point" for Hispanic community concerns
- 26.2 Increased regularity, transparency of assessments
- 26.3 Creation of Mercer County Connection in Princeton
- 26.4 Use of single post office
- 26.5 Encouraging diversity
- 26.6 Entertainment options for teens
- 26.7 Tightening gun control
- 26.8 Reviewing organizations that receive public support
- 26.9 Ensuring contractors follow rules re: tree cutting
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- 26.12 Using wood debris for energy production
- 26.13 Preserving John Street neighborhood
- 26.14 Review of outside café seating ordinances

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Emergency Response Plan		In light of Hurricanes Irene and Sandy, making sure Princeton is as prepared as possible for next catastrophic storm or other emergency	
emergency management		in emergency situations, plans to address communication, routes to hospitals, power outages, tracking street blockages, and routing emergency vehicles	
Disaster preparedness		Care for the underserved/elderly	
Disaster preparedness		Staffing for shelters	
Emergency Response Plan		Review aftermath of Irene and Sandy and prepare a plan for response to future emergencies	
Police Management and Oversight		Need to plan for replacement officers while also working toward lowest recommended number	
Successful merger of two police forces and restoration of community policing		The Borough and Township police forces have been working diligently through 2012, under Chief Dudeck's leadership, to prepare to serve as one force (e.g. ride alongs, moving into shared space, etc.). We should support the continued integration efforts and ensure that they are successfully bringing together the two forces in the service of the entire community and introducing community policing to enhance public safety services.	
Achieving recommendations for efficiencies and savings in the police force		Police services represent the largest component in the Borough and Township's respective budgets, and the Consolidation Commission and TTF recognized that significant savings could be achieved – and public safety protected and even enhanced – through efficiencies in combined services and a reduction in sworn officers.	
Establish good relationship between police and neighborhood residents		Ensure that good communication and trust is developed between	
Establish documented working relationship between Princeton PD and Princeton University Public Safety		No formally documented relationship exists at present resulting in tensions between town and university	
Establish Objective Criteria for Size of PD		Size of PD is a major driver for cost of operating municipality	
Neighborhood /community policing		to have all members in the community understand they can talk and communicate with police	
Fire department		Need to consolidate fire departments	
public transportation		improve public transportation options in and around Princeton	
Fee ordinance revisions		Both Borough and Township governments adopted matching fee ordinances at the end of 2012, but the new fees were based on whatever fee was higher in the Borough or Township. We need to review with help of staff to make sure fees are appropriate.	
ordinance review		reviewing borough-township ordinances	
review of fees (dog licenses, etc.)		fees were standardized at end of 2012, but without real consideration (all were defaulted to higher fee.)	
Taxi Rates		Taxi Rates need to be set for new municipality	
reconcile ordinances from Princeton Borough and Princeton Township		tackle reconciliation of Borough and Township ordinances	
align administrative practices and municipal ordinances		where current municipal administrative practices vary from ordinances, reconcile the two	

council

name	summarize
Melding Ordinances: Historic Preservation	The Borough and Township have two separate historic preservation ordinances. Now that we have one historic preservation commission, a priority for the year should be melding the two ordinances
Melding Ordinances: Shade Tree ordinances	The Township and Borough have separate shade tree ordinances, but we now have a single shade tree commission. Although some ordinances have already been harmonized, and we have five years to do so, we need to begin methodically addressing (if necessary by process of triage) harmonization of the remaining ordinances.
Ordinance review	Establish timeline for 5-year comprehensive review of ordinances, including Historic Preservation and Shade Tree ordinances
Fee review	Make sure fees that were set accurately reflect governing body's preference
Work from home policy	employees are asking for computer access from home. In the past we have had a no work from home policy, except for essential personnel approved by the administrator.
Upcoming labor negotiations	The municipality will face labor negotiations in the coming years and will need a coordinated strategy to achieve the best outcome for the residents.
municipal staff compensation	how well does Princeton pay vs. other municipalities, and vs. private industry, for comparable work?
Union contract negotiations	
Harmonize policies	Approve a consolidated personnel policy manual
Public works facilities	Need to decide how to consolidate/ upgrade facilities
Move Corner House from Valley Road school	
Possibly move TV30 from Valley Road school to Monument Drive	
Consolidate PFD to Witherspoon St Fire Station	Consolidate Three Fire Companies to sSingle PFD
PW and SOC Departments Facility Needs	Departments operating out of temporary and obsolete facilities
Use of VR Bldg Site	How to best use site directly across from municipal complex where bldg is now being demolished by neglect
master plan - vision statement rewrite	now that the borough and township have consolidated, we should rewrite the vision statement at the top of the master plan to better reflect the community
revise MRRO zoning (old hospital site)	redraft hospital zoning so that
Advisory Planning Districts	APDs were recommended by the consolidation commission as a way to involve neighborhoods in decision making, but the structure and scope have still not been defined
Hospital Site Zoning	need to clarify design standards and combine b and t zoning ordinance to avoid a monolithic apartment complex
implementation of advisory planning districts or equivalent	intended to fulfill recommendation / promise of JCSSSC
review and revision of zoning at the hospital	review and revision of zoning at the hospital site + systematic review and revision of municipal zoning

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site + systematic review and revision of municipal zoning			
Redevelopment of former hospital site		The Planning Board rejected AvalonBay's plans for redeveloping the hospital site; the governing body will need to mitigate litigation risk related to that rejection while pursuing development that is welcomed by the community and consistent with our needs.	
Advisory Planning Districts		The Consolidation Commission and TTF recommended establishment of APD's to allow greater neighborhood input in development. A governance structure must be established.	
Master plan - write new vision statement		Update introduction of Master Plan to reflect consolidated government in a process that involves residents and outlines a vision for the future of the town	
Advisory Planning Districts			
Green building checklist		Develop a tool to encourage developers to build more sustainably	
Rezoning of Alexander St		Rezone service district to mixed use residential, office and retail	
traffic flow		improve traffic flow management in and around Princeton	
Address parking and traffic problems by exploring remote parking		Shop employees do not have adequate, inexpensive parking downtown and providing parking is an added expense for merchants. Shoppers also complain about lack of inexpensive parking.	
affordable housing policy		develop a single coherent affordable housing policy [óíé%±² include Housing Authority and Affordable Housing Board	
Working as a team		Develop guidelines/procedures for helping council and staff to work collaboratively as a team	
Relationship with administrator and staff		It is important for the governing body to have a strong working relationship with the administrator and staff but also to defer to them when they have expertise.	
Governing body relations		The public will be best served by a governing body that works collaboratively and respectfully	
Facilitate working as a team		Establish working policy to help council work together harmoniously	
Rules of engagement		how we make decisions, how communicate with each other	
Authority parameters of council members		define what authority level council members actually have	
Succession planning for Administrator		Administrator has indicated he will stay on for one year; need to plan for a smooth transition.	
Plan for Administrator Replacement		Find out Bobb's retirement plans and if he plans to retire in one year, begin a serach for a new administrator	
Administrator succession plan			
Administrator Search (or lack thereof)		Current understanding is that the administrator is retiring in a year, need to plan accordingly	
Meeting organization - use of the consent agenda needs to be discussed		The Borough has historically not used a consent agenda, but rather put important issues early in the agenda and moved routine matters in block at the end. We need to ensure the consent agenda is not being used to pass fairly controversial issues without discussion, subjecting the municipality to OPRA violations, etc.	
Meeting minutes		Need to issue governing body minutes promptly	
Customer service policy		Develop a policy for staff in interacting with public to facilitate excellent customer service	

		council	
name			summarize
Dashboard	Governance		
Strategic Plan	What is the vision of the Mayor and Council for Princeton in 2025? The Mayor is elected for four (4) years. Three four year cycles could constitute a strategic plan for the future of Princeton. Detailed planning to implement the vision and strategic plan		
Electronic Records Storage - Present and Future	Clerk should be storing records in organized system on computer rather than in paper form		
Armored car services	This service is a highly specific need for the municipality, and an opportunity to save money and still meet the service need.		
Meeting Information Transparency	Sharing backup agenda materials with the public prior to meetings and at the least, at the meetings themselves		
Communications Policy	Establish communications policy to make sure town is taking full advantage of social media and more traditional forms of communication to keep residents informed, including those residents who are not fluent in English		
Communications policy	Adopt Community Outreach Action Plan as recommended by TTF Communications Subcommittee. In addition, have a plan for reaching residents who do not speak English.		
New Website and Website Vendor	Current website vendor chosen for price but is very outdated		
Website	Improve communication with better website		
recycling downtown	currently there is no recycling downtown		
Compost (organic waste) program	Need to implement compost program for up to 1000 households in new Princeton, including imposition of fee that will cover all or substantially all of the costs associated with the program.		
Enforcement of Garbage Rules	Need to make plan to start enforcing garbage ordinances in downtown as well as everywhere- garbage should be in a container		
food and organic waste recycling	extend existing food and organic waste recycling program, and little or no cost to the town		
New trash contract	Successful implementation of new contract for municipality-wide trash pickup		
leaf and brush pickup	Like trash pickup, this is an area where we need to harmonize and maintain high quality services in the new municipality.		
Recycling downtown	There is currently no regular recycling service for residents, visitors and businesses downtown		
Continue Downtown Garbage Task Force	A group including a garbage hauler, Bob Bruschi, business owners, elected officials to address problems with garbage on Nassau St.		
Establish parks commission	decide whether there should be stand-alone parks commission, or whether to fold into existing Rec Board.		
Establish parks director	Currently there is not a point person on staff responsible for maintenance of parks in Princeton, resulting in under-maintenance (especially of pocket parks)		
Parks Commission	Decide structure of how to best manage passive open space and trails: separate parks commission, combined parks and rec commission, parks director, other		
Turf field			

name	council	summarize
State reimbursement of a portion of transition expenses	Gov. Christie has committed to reimbursing Princeton 20% of its consolidation costs.	
Additional financial savings from consolidation	The Consolidation Commission and TTF both identified significant savings from consolidation, but there are likely additional savings to be achieved. Work with the administrator and staff to identify others, including redundant staff positions.	
tax impact of consolidation	clearly develop and communicate tax impact of consolidation, with respect to baseline and with respect to 2012	
Track savings	Continue to monitor savings from consolidation	
Negotiate new PILOT agreement with Princeton University	Need to negotiate new financial agreement with University on behalf of consolidated municipality.	
improve town-gown relations	improve town-gown relations	
PILOTS	negotiate higher PILOTS with Princeton University and other tax exempt institutions	
opposition to state assembly bill A2586	oppose state assembly bill A2586	
University relations	Town gown committee	
Multi-year agreement with University	Negotiate a multi-year agreement for a fair-share contribution	
Relationship With Princeton University	Need to establish stable and long term relationship with Princeton University	
Relationship with IAS, Theological Seminary and Westminster Choir College	Need stable working and financial relationships with all tax exempt	
Effective negotiation committee	have key council members and administrator meet and discuss the best approach to deal with \"pilots\" from our large non profits	
Use of outside legal counsel	Use of outside counsel is necessary but a significant expense for the municipality. Need to have policy in place regarding appropriate use of outside counsel and method of monitoring the legal budget.	
legal costs	track and monitor legal costs in 2013, and pay Borough's remaining legal costs from 2012	
Legal oversight committee	Need to monitor legal expenditures and harmonize use of attorney	
Property taxes	Property taxes are a burden for many residents; consolidation affords us the opportunity to reduce property taxes. Of course, we understand that local property taxes are only about one-quarter of the local tax burden for residents, but any reduction will	
Budget Transparency	Budget process should be inclusive, information shared with entire council in format we can understand	
short and long term financial planning for the municipality of Princeton	I would like the council to deliver a tax cut this year, and would like to estimate the longer term impact of doing so before we make a decision.	
comparative study of Princeton's municipal costs and services	comparative study of Princeton's municipal costs and services with other comparable NJ and non-NJ towns	
Prepare 2013 budget		
Auditor	We will need to do a request for proposals for auditing services for 2013	

council	
name	summarize
2013 budget	The new council will be approving a budget for the consolidated municipality
Kiosk proposal	chamber of commerce wants to partner with town to run two advertising kiosks on Nassau Street
methodology for financial impact of development	develop or adopt a methodology for determining financial (and economic?) impact of development requests before the local planning board
Downtown kiosks	The local chamber of commerce has a proposal to take over and manage the kiosks, improving their look and usability and providing revenue to the municipality but controlling the content
Impact of hospital closure on access to health care services	With the closure of UMCP, some in community (especially the most vulnerable) may have lost access to regular source of health care services
Promoting a healthier community	While NJ was recently listed as the 8th healthiest state – well above average – still far too many people suffer from chronic diseases, reduced quality of life and increased health care costs
Power lines underground	Work with PSE&G to identify key lines that may benefit from being placed underground
committee to address public safety/infrastructure	need to examine the physical area's that can become a hazard. ie cracked sidewalks, pot holes, etc
Bike map	Create a bike map of Princeton showing trails, sharrows and recommended bike routes
Increase budget this year for tree replacement	large number of trees were destroyed by the storm, need to be replaced

Good evening.

Your directive that the 280-unit density within the MRRO zone remain sacrosanct has hamstrung the very expert opinions you have sought from the highly qualified professionals appointed to the task force. By preordaining 50 units/acre you have demanded they forego their schooled opinions that the density needs to be lowered for the good of the community and as a matter of good design. Your refusal to entertain ordinance language calling for a reduction falls woefully short of a governing body who was elected to be open minded and willing to consider alternatives for moving beyond what many on the prior Borough Council characterized as a bad ordinance from which they saw no escape and from which AvalonBay's monolithic site plan materialized. Without lowering the density the town will be faced with another site plan that remains out of scale with the adjacent small-lot residential neighborhoods that are the fabric of the area. Fifty units per acre crammed onto a 5.6-acre parcel was bad policy in 2006 and it continues to be bad policy in 2013.

In a recently published letter to the editor written by Alexi Assmus we learned that at the January 30, 2013 task force meeting "Architect Areta Pawlynsky [citing] the view of smart-growth advocate Urban Land Institute... [stated]...anything more than 2x the density of the surrounding neighborhood is too great a burden on the neighborhood." Two times the neighborhood density in this case would be 20 units/acre or 102 units.

The letter goes on to state that "Heidi Fichtenbaum presented drawings to support her opinion that to keep the redevelopment in scale and character with the neighborhood, 127 units or 23 units per acre should be the maximum number allowed on the site."

You have all received an email copy of the density comparison chart created by Alexi Assmus to educate you and the public as to existing densities bordering the hospital site. More germane is that nowhere in the 21 square miles of the consolidated Princeton does zoning allow 50 units per acre. In fact, current zoning only allows densities higher than 14 units per acre if there is 100% income restricted or age-restricted housing. Neither is the case here.

You have before you an enormous amount of citizen research shared by email within the last few weeks, as well as the expert opinions proffered by the talented and professional citizenry that sits on the task force ~ all of which offer a knowledge base from which you can re-think your directive that the 280 remain intact. This is likely to be the most important decision you will make during your fleeting tenure as town council; the resultant development impact will be in place for generations. ↓ Thank you, ~~for your~~ consideration.

Please
reconsider.

Kate Warren
17 Jefferson Road
February 11, 2013

Dear Mayor Lempert and Council. First I want to sincerely thank you for your public service to our community and dedication to protecting the common good.

I am here tonight to share my concerns and those of my neighbors about ongoing traffic issues that jeopardize the safety and quality of our neighborhood. I have lived on Jefferson for the past 11 years during which time I have walked my daughter to school during the hectic morning rush. As you all know, this is an extremely busy part of town with three schools within close proximity of one another. Young children, parents, new high school drivers and school buses are all traveling to get someone to school on time between 7:30 am and 8:30 am. In the midst of this school traffic, Jefferson and Moore are common short cuts commuters use to avoid traffic congestion on Witherspoon and Nassau as they cut through Princeton to get to 206, Rt 1 and 27. The CP crossing guards at all three schools can bear witness and share endless stories of congestion and dangerous driving. My neighbors Francine and Karen who live on Moore Street near the HS have had several cars pass them as they were driving the speed limit. That's crazy. My other friends and neighbors Tom and Iris Mooney who live on Jefferson, near the intersection with Henry, have witnessed accidents and many near misses. While Tom has voiced and written of thier concern to the Borough in the past, they never received a response. My other neighbor Victoria Airgood routinely requests that the police put up the speed tracker because speed limits are not enforced. I know these are anecdotal stories but they must be told. Traffic reports and speculation about future traffic patterns don't always paint an accurate picture of the real world. These true stories and testimonials of routine speeding, dangerous passing , congestion and accidents do. Thankfully some of the congestion has been reduced since the hospital's closing, but the speeding and school time congestion remains problematic. Although the traffic report done for the Avalon Bay proposal said traffic would be reduced, it's my understanding that they did not factor the number of hospital employees that were bused to work and these employees worked shifts that didn't coincide with the major rush hour and school traffic. Even with the hospital closed traffic remains a problem at certain times of the day. With the development of 280 units the traffic issue will become an increasingly problematic and significant safety and quality of life issue for the surrounding neighborhood and Community Park School. **If population keeps growing, there is absolutely no way congestion can stop increasing.** I think it is unrealistic that the majority of people living in this area will be walking to work. On Jefferson we have a number of people who work in connection with the University but an equal number of people who have to commute outside the community to get to their places of work. People will continue to travel to and through Princeton and the more people we have in our neighborhood the more cars. We need smart density that is aligned with the current balance of the existing neighborhood, not high density that will exacerbate an existing traffic problems that currently are not being addressed.

I respectfully encourage you to consider the adverse traffic implications of high density zoning for our young students and surrounding neighborhoods and that current traffic problems be addressed as well.

Thank you,

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