

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Town Meeting
November 13, 2006

A meeting of Township Committee was held on this date at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street.

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 October 27, 2006 at 12:00 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 WHWH, filed with the Township Clerk and mailed to those persons who as of that time had requested and paid for same.

ROLL CALL

The Township Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mayor Marchand and Ms. Bergman and Messrs. Goerner, Liverman and Miller.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Ms. Monzo, and Messrs Kiser, Pascale, and Capt. Emann.

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Mayor Marchand opened the meeting by noting that purpose of the meeting was to find out what was on the minds of Township residents. The members of Township Committee then introduced themselves.

Doris Tarquino, 1288 Stuart Road, said that she was there on behalf of her parents to discuss problems that they are having with Tenacre and its residents. She said that she was aware that Tenacre was seeking variances to enlarge the facility and as they had no knowledge of what they did at the facility, she was afraid. Ms. Tarquino said that people show up at her parents home at all times of the day and night.

Mayor Marchand said that everyone was aware of the tragic incident several years ago, that she was sensitive to Ms. Tarquino's concerns and that she was aware of the proposal coming before the Princeton Regional Planning Board. The Mayor asked if Ms. Tarquino had called the police, saying that people should not be uncomfortable in doing that.

Mr. Goerner said that the Township needs to be concerned and proactive. Mr. Miller said that we as a community should be concerned, noting that there are four schools in the vicinity of Tenacre.

Mayor Marchand asked that the Tarquino's keep documentation and facts. Ms. Tarquino said that she appreciated the discussion about this serious concern.

Pete Tarquino, 694 Ewing Street/1288 Stuart Road, said that the development of Tenacre affects his parents' life, noting that people mistake their home for a visitors center for Tenacre.

Mr. Kiser said that staff could make a recommendation not to install a new entrance.

William Sword, 1036 The Great Road, asked why there was no regulation on a facility like Tenacre? He asked if Township Committee could appeal to the State of New Jersey about such regulations.

Mayor Marchand said that she was sure that there was concern by schools in the area of Tenacre as well.

Heidi Fichtenbaum, 38 Carnahan Place, complimented Robert Kiser, Township Engineer, and Greg O'Neill, Township Arborist, regarding work done on the bikepath on Carnahan Place.

Ms. Fichtenbaum said that she was concerned about the work being done at the Town Topics on Witherspoon Street. She said that they chose to have a business directly across from a school and that it is vitally important that the Town Topics is clear that the safety of the children is paramount.

Mr. Goerner said that the Traffic Safety Committee spoke about this in detail. Mr. Kiser said that they are having a meeting with the principal of the school and Sgt. Murray regarding appropriate signage.

Tony Klein, Woodland Drive, offered thanks for the response to traffic on Route 206. He said that it was wonderful to see democracy at the local level.

Esther Dresner, 123 Longview Drive, spoke about her concerns regarding the leaf and brush pickup. She said that she received a warning this spring that cost her \$95.00. She said that there was a problem with the leaves falling early. Mayor Marchand said that this was a problem that the Township was trying to address, as we cannot predict Mother Nature.

Mr. Goerner said that it was great that residents came out for the Town Meeting. He said that he recognized that there is progress to make with leaf and brush pick up.

Ms. Bergman said that it was a community wide problem.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk