

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE  
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
APRIL 27, 2015**

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**Board Members Present:** Mayor Bobbie D. Jones; Mayor Pro Tem Ann B. Howell;  
Commissioner Gwendolyn Knight; Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick;  
Commissioner Pamela Ransome

**Town Staff Present:** Town Manager Byron Ellis  
Interim Town Clerk Calvin Adkins

**Guest:** Dr. W. A. Merritt

- I. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
- II. Invocation was rendered by Former Commissioner Calvin Sherrod
- III. Recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Announcements read by Mayor Bobbie Jones
- V. **Public Comments:**  
**Sara Battle of 409 S. Church St.:** complained about rats inside her house. She said the infestation derived from a ditch behind her house. She asked the town to clean the ditch. Battle also claimed that after making a phone call to the town hall about the problem, the town manager “seemed unconcerned” and “rude.”  
**Shameka Epps of Apt. 34 Asbury Park:** complained about potholes on Walston and Tyson Streets.  
**Delia Perkins of 123, Neville St.:** complained about potholes on Neville Street. She asked the town to strike up a deal with the Department of Transportation to fix the problem.  
**Calvin Sherrod of 909 King Ave.:** complained about potholes in Southern Terrace. He said they are the “worse streets in Princeville.”  
**Town Manager Byron Ellis responded to the potholes complaints: He said the town has signed a contract to fix the potholes. “We are waiting for the contractor.”**
- VI. **Adjustments to Agenda:**  
None

- VII. **Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the consent agenda with a correction that adds a motion to accept a public hearing by Commissioner Ann Howell and a second by Commissioner Gwen Knight. Commissioner Ann Howell made the motion; Commissioner Gwen Knight second; motion passed (4-0)
- VIII. **Presentation:** Dr. W.A. Merritt of Greensboro asked the town to consider implementing the Drum Major Academy Program in the town. The program targets 16-22 year old citizens. The projected cost for running the program is \$17,000. Dr. Merritt said he is not requesting funding from the town. He is seeking to recruit the funds.
- IX. **Proposed Public Hearing for Zoning Map Amendment** Set a Public Hearing to consider a zoning map amendment which will affect five parcels in the town’s ETJ: Parcel No. 474825703000, Parcel No. 474833892300, Parcel No. 47825807800, Parcel No. 47833892300 and Parcel No. 474824482400 on U.S. Highway 258 North and are presently in a R-1 zoning district. Commissioner Ann Howell made the motion; Commissioner Pam Ransome second; motion passed (4-0)
- X. **Nuisance & Junk Ordinance** Adopted an updated Nuisance & Junk Vehicle Ordinance. Motion presented by Commissioner Pam Ransome; Commissioner Howell second; motion passed (4-0)
- XI. **Princeville Volunteer Fire Department Stipend** Motion to approve to resume payment (\$12,00) to the PVFD. Commissioner Ann Howell made the motion. Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick second; motion passed (4-0)
- XII. **Transfer of Water/Sewer System to Edgecombe County** Motion to approve conveyance of the Town of Princeville’s water and sewer system to Edgecombe County. Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick made the motion; Commissioner Ann Howell second; motion passed (3-1) Commissioner Gwen Knight opposed stating “I don’t feel we need to keep turning everything over to Edgecombe County.”
- XIII. **Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance** Motion to accept invitation to join the Historic Black Towns and Settlement Alliance. Commissioner Joe Roam Myrick made the motion; Commissioner Ann Howell seconded; motion passed (4-0)
- XIV. **Town Manager Report**  
Report available in Minute Book 2014-2015, Manager Reports –April 2015
- XV. **Town Attorney Report:**
  - ❖ No Report
- XVI. **Law Enforcement Report:**
  - ❖ No Report
- XVII. **Princeville Volunteer Fire Department Report:**
  - ❖ Report Submitted by Chief

**XVIII. Senior Center Report:**

- ❖ Reported and commented on monthly activities.

**XIX. General Concerns of the Board:**

**Commissioner Knight:** Concerned about vacant lots that are becoming eyesores. “They look a mess.”

**Mayor Pro Tem Howell:** Express her desires for the town to clean the ditches and repair potholes. “We don’t have to wait until LGC gives us back our books,” she said

**Commissioner Pam Ransome:** Thanked everyone for attending.

**Commissioner Myrick:** Said he appreciates citizens’ patience while the town attempts to repair potholes and manage other problems. “The town manager is working diligently to improve the problems.

**Mayor Jones:** Thanked everyone for attending.

**XX. Adjournment:**

Motion presented to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Howell; seconded by Commissioner Knight; approved by 4-0 vote

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

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Bobbie D. Jones  
Mayor

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Calvin Adkins  
Town Clerk