

Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Rockport Town Hall, Conference Room A

In Attendance: Joe Parisi, Linda Sanders

Guests: Rob Liebow, Phil Conrad, Jenna Olson, Michael Rostkowski

Meeting Opened: 1:35 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 7, 2014 Meeting: Parisi moved to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting; and the Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Seagull Street – Parking: Parisi presented a plan designed by Don Greel to increase parking in two of the school’s existing parking lots. The details were discussed; the proposed changes in the elementary lot would increase spaces by fifteen and the work could be completed at a reasonable cost because there is no change in grade proposed. The net gain in increased spaces by bumping out a section of the second lot may not be worth the cost of the project. Sanders asked and Mr. Conrad confirmed that an increase in fifteen spaces would relieve some of the street parking issues. The next step in this project is for Parisi to conduct a site visit with School personnel to review the details of the proposed plan. Mr. Liebow plans to consider moving personnel to the renovated lot and thereby increasing student parking in the high school lot. Sanders suggested the changes in the second lot may be considered as a secondary project to be reviewed after the changes in the elementary lot are completed. Mr. Liebow asked about the possibility of the Town acquiring a portion of the property adjoining the high school parking lot. The Town has not confirmed that this property is for sale. Parisi asked about the policy of assigning student spaces because he has observed that there are empty spots in the lot on some days; Mr. Conrad explained the empty spaces are due to absenteeism. The pros and cons of unassigned student parking were discussed briefly.

The “no parking” tests on various sections of Seagull Street and Martha’s Lane were discussed. Ms. Olson expressed safety concerns about the children walking in the streets, which get congested at both drop-off and pick-up time at the elementary school. She is advocating for limiting parking and adding sidewalks in the area. Mr. Rostkowski suggested not changing the parking at this time and reviewing the issue once the additional parking spaces are completed. Sanders agreed that there is a difference of opinion on the outcome of the various tests and the proposed changes in the street parking. Parisi suggested continuing the temporary “no parking”

zones in the area. Sanders reiterated that the Traffic and Parking Committee does make recommendations to the Board of Selectman regarding public safety. A workshop with the BOS and DPW Commissioners may be needed to review the issues related to parking on Seagull Street and Martha's Lane. No action was taken regarding a recommendation for changing the parking in this neighborhood.

Doctor's Run – Cross Walk Signage: Parisi confirmed that the request for crosswalk signage has been submitted with the DPW Capital budget requests for FY 2016. He will discuss the use of temporary signs during the winter with the police department and with Bill Aspesi.

King Street – Safety: Sanders will contact Judy Dean, who originated this concern and obtain more details.

Pending List:

- 1. Granite Street – parking near Pythian Hall:** A site visit will be schedule.
- 2. Quarry Ridge Lane and Bay Ridge Lane – stop sign:** Parisi will contact John Shea, the property manager.

Adjournment: Parisi moved and Sanders agree to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.