

Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Rockport Town Hall, Conference Room A

In Attendance: Joe Parisi, Linda Sanders, Sargent Robert Tibert

Guests: Katie Serpa, Nicholas Kent, Jenna Olson, David Dwinell, Barry Pett from Senator Tarr's office.

Meeting Opened: 1:32 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 4, 2014 Meeting: Parisi moved to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2014 meeting with the following amendments: clarification in the Seagull Street section, the net gain due to a bump out may not be worth the cost in the second lot and in the Doctor's Run section the signage request is in the DPW Capital budget; and Sanders seconded and voted to approve the minutes as amended. Tibert abstained.

Granite Street: Sidewalk Development: Ms. Serpa contacted Senator Tarr's office about the need for a sidewalk on Granite Street from Haven Avenue to Halibut Point State Park. Mr. Pett, a representative from Senator Tarr's office, attended the meeting and discussed the issues pertaining to the development of a sidewalk in this area with the Committee. He compared this project to the recently completed sidewalk addition along Route 133, Essex Avenue, Gloucester. Parisi provided Mr. Pett with a copy of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations final report on the Route 127A/127 corridor which analyzed safety, mobility and access on the roadway. The report provided suggestions for safety improvements. Granite Street, a state road, is maintained by the Town. Parisi agreed to do a potential cost estimate for the job; planning for a sidewalk on one side of the road. Once this is completed, Mr. Pett agreed to coordinate in a meeting which would include representatives from the Town, Mass Department of Transportation and Senator Tarr's office to further discuss the development of a sidewalk in this area.

Seagull Street – Parking: Parisi reviewed the current temporary "no parking" spaces designated on one side of Seagull Street. This plan appears to be working; Sargent Tibert agreed. The original plan to do a trial of "no parking" areas on Martha's Lane has not been done; however, this does not appear to be necessary because there have no adverse impact on Martha's Lane from the designated no parking trials on Seagull Street. Sargent Tibert observed vacant spaces in the existing school lots when school is in session. Parisi agreed and suggested reviewing this issue with school personnel once the construction on the school lot is complete. The Committee clarified that parking is not allowed within twenty (20) feet of an intersection

and the intersections in this area will be marked to remind drivers of this law. The parking modifications are currently temporary and will need the approval of the Board of Selectman prior to being included in the Traffic Rules and Regulations. The DPW and the Police Department will work together on the management of the temporary modification signs during the winter. Ms. Olson expressed concern about the lack of sidewalks in this area.

Pending List:

- 1. Marshall Street and Pleasant Street – stop sign safety.** This will remain on the agenda; the Committee will obtain further details from the resident.
- 2. Traffic and Parking Regulations:** Sanders will review the regulations for potential amendments and suggest some organizational changes in the Regulations.

Adjournment: Parisi moved to adjourn; Tibert seconded and it was voted unanimously at 2:30 p.m.