

Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2015
Rockport Town Hall, Conference Room A

In Attendance: Joe Parisi, Robert Tibert, Linda Sanders, John Horvath

Guests: Michael and Kelley Anderson, Roger Maloy, Barbara Sparks, Sam Coulbourn, Ted Tarr.

Meeting Opened: 1:02 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the December 9, 2014 Meeting: Parisi moved to accept the minutes; Tibert seconded; the Committee voted unanimously to accept the December 9, 2014 minutes of the Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of the February 3, 2015 Meeting: Parisi moved to accept the minutes; Sanders seconded; the Committee voted unanimously to accept the February 3, 2015 minutes of the Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Meeting: Parisi moved to accept the minutes; Tibert seconded; the Committee voted unanimously to accept the March 17, 2015 minutes of the Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting; Sanders abstained.

King Street – parking: Michael and Kelley Anderson requested a sidewalk curb cut to add a driveway to their property at 25 King Street. This is a busy congested area with limited parking; their goal is to keep their car off the road. Parisi suggested a site visit to determine if this will be a loss of one or two parking spaces and review the line of site for safety. This item will be on the October meeting agenda.

Main Street – parking: Roger Maloy reported problems with accessing and exiting his driveway at 72R Main Street. This is by the access road to the Community House and St. Joachim's Church. Currently parking is limited on the right side of the street. There is also limited site visibility when existing Agawam Lane across the street. Parisi recommended a site visit. The Committee discussed the possibility of using marked lines for parking; currently marked spaces are designated for metered spots only. Marked spaces are twenty feet. This item will be on the October meeting agenda.

King Street – Judy Dean wrote to the Committee expressing concern about the traffic congestion on the street; she requested a limit of larger vehicles on that street. Parisi reported

the tree branches had been cleared from the signage recently. Sanders stated that vehicle traffic cannot be limited there. No site visit needed.

Millbrook Meadow – handicap parking: Barbara Sparks discussed the plans to restore Millbrook Meadow and the issues with making the park ADA accessible. The King Street entrance slope and the access to the lower level from the dam are both problematic for handicap accessibility because of the steep slope. The Millbrook Meadow Committee reviewed plans to design a switch back to allow accessible access between the dam level and the lower park. This project is estimated to cost \$100,00 and will cause the loss of park space in the meadow. Currently, there is no handicap parking near either entrance. Sanders suggested a site visit to explore the issues related to accessibility. Barbara Sparks asked if improvements to the park could be made without making it totally ADA accessible at this time. The site visit will focus on improving handicap accessibility at the entrances and parking for Millbrook Meadow.

New Business:

Headlands: Ted Tarr asked the Committee to consider changing the parking at the Headlands to angle parking. The parking spaces cannot be marked due to the gravel; signage to encourage angle parking was discussed. Parisi said the DPW cannot plow for angle parking in the winter. Parisi moved to install two angle parking signs to suggest angle parking; Tibert seconded and the Committee voted unanimously. Parisi said this does not need Board of Selectmen approval because it is not an enforcement issue.

Mt. Pleasant Street: Parisi received a request from Joan Smith, 18 Mt. Pleasant Street, for a curb cut for a driveway. Currently this property has two driveways. He asked Committee to do a site visit and discuss this request in the next meeting.

Squam Road: Horvath received a request to review the speed limit on Squam Road; the resident was concerned about safety. He plans to capture the speed data for this road and report it to the Committee. The MDOT process for changing speed limits on all roads was reviewed.

Pending List: Reviewed and updated.

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

