

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ANNUAL TRAFFIC HEARING – TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

LARKIN HALL, 5 HOLWAY AVENUE

Chairman Michele Couture opened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following attendees: Michele Couture, Elaine Anderson, Mary-Jo Avellar, Austin Knight, David Bedard

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Chief of Police Jeff Jaran, DPW Deputy Director Sandy Turner

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

#1. CITIZENS PROPOSALS

Item 1-1. Traffic regulations for Priscilla Alden Road were changed to allow parking only on the east side of the street resulting in heavy parking on the east side opposite my driveway. The street is too narrow and I have difficulty backing out onto the street when another car is parked opposite my driveway. I hereby request that you designate a No Parking area on the east side of Priscilla Alden Road opposite my driveway. (*Requested by: John Zaner of Priscilla Alden*)

Team Recommendation: We recommend to extend “No Parking” across from 4 Priscilla Alden by 18’ feet– **see map & photos.**

Chairman Couture read email from Lauren Richmond into the record. In favor: Roni Siegel & Liz Angelino.

Item 1-1. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Team Recommendation to extend “No Parking” across from 4 Priscilla Alden by 18’ Feet.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson
Yea 4 Nay 2 (David Bedard)

Item 1-2. There is no sign stating Dead End at the end of the road. We hereby request a Dead End sign at the corner of Bradford & Priscilla Alden, and another Dead End sign at the start of Webster Ave & Priscilla Alden. (*Requested by: Roni Siegal & Liz Angelino of Priscilla Alden*)

Team Recommendation: *We do not recommend.* The public way ends at Priscilla Alden & Webster Ave. Priscilla Alden is not a dead end because you can turn onto Webster Ave (Private) and that will put you onto Miller Hill Road. The area that is beyond Webster Ave is private and we would recommend that the owners put a Dead End sign at the beginning of their property to again send people down Webster Ave to Miller Hill. – **See map and photos.**

Item 1-2. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter to the property owners of Webster Avenue asking them to install a sign “Not a Through Street”.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson **Yea 5 Nay 0**

Item 1-3. It is difficult, if not impossible to cross Bradford at Priscilla Alden Rd. It is dangerous and a popular place to cross. It is difficult to walk on the Priscilla Alden side to Brewster St. We hereby request a marked crosswalk (painted) on Bradford St at Priscilla Alden. (*Requested by: Roni Siegal & Liz Angelino of Priscilla Alden*).

Team Recommendation: **We do not recommend** – Crosswalks are meant to take you somewhere safely. What is being requested is to install a crosswalk to the other side of the street with no outlet and just as dangerous, which is what Miller Hill has, a crosswalk to nowhere. There is a crosswalk at Brewster St to Dyer St and it goes to Commercial St. That is the outlet for that crosswalk. Every year there is over grown private property plantings between Priscilla Alden and Brewster St, the DPW cuts those every year to make the area safer for pedestrians. **See map.**

Item 1-3. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Team Recommendation and NOT recommend a crosswalk at this time.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight
Yea 3 Nay 1 (David Bedard / Mary-Jo Avellar)

Item 1-4. Drivers are constantly coming down Winslow St. the wrong way. I hereby request to replace/move signage closer to Bradford St on Winslow St. by 50' or so. Add one-way signs at Monument Parking Lot entrance. (Requested by: Dennis Sullivan).

Team Recommendation: **We do not recommend.** Putting a one-way sign closer to Bradford on Winslow will not help someone coming down the wrong way. They'll be too far to try to back up the hill. We do have on Winslow at the intersection of the entrance to the monument big signs "Do Not Enter" and "One Way", "Left Turn Only", "Traffic Bear Left". It does look like one of two big red, "Do Not Enter" signs is missing from the right side of the road that we will reinstall. The monument has signs "Entrance Only and Exit Only." **See map and photo's.**

Item 1-4. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to paint "One- Way with Arrows" at the intersection of Bradford and Winslow Street and further to add a "NO RIGHT TURN" at the exit from the High School.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-5. The intersection of Bradford St and Webster Place is dangerous when vehicles are parking in the spot that directly abuts Bradford St. I hereby request we remove the parking space and reduce the speed limit between Ryder St and Prince St to 15 MPH. (Requested by: Dennis Sullivan)

Team Recommendation: **We cannot recommend the removal of the parking space on Private Property and we do not recommend change in speed because there is no history of a problem in that area-** If you look at the map you can see that the layout of the Webster Place private property parking space at Bradford St is on private property. There has never been a speeding problem in that area because of the curve leading to the big hill. **See map.**

Item 1-5. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Team Recommendation and NOT recommend this item and have staff look in to the speed limit at this area.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight
Yea 4 Nay 1 (Michele Couture)

#2 – POLICE & PARKING

Item 2-1. In order to coincide with the Library's renovation plans and outside layout to accommodate parking, bicycles and pedestrians, I hereby request that Center Street become "One Way" from Bradford St to Commercial St. (Requested by: Jeff Jaran, Chief of Police)

Team Recommendation: **Recommends** – Parking is allowed on the east side of Center St at designated areas prior to the Library. Center St is too narrow to allow parking, and two-way traffic and this proposal will eliminate the danger of this road being two ways. If you're on Commercial St you can exit to Bradford from Johnson St, Freeman St, or Standish St. They are all in the area. **See photo's.**

Presentation by Library Trustee Mick Rudd on the proposed upcoming renovations. He also indicated that they were not asking for any decision on this matter this evening.

Comments from Public: John Golden, Howard Burchman, Peter Page, Sarah Peake, Donna Walker

Chairman Couture read email received into record from: Joan Lenane, Tom Shirk (White Porch Inn), Will Leaf, Rainier Horn (Carp Diem), and Dave McGlothlin & Jim Rizz (Christopher's By the Bay).

Item 2-1. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not take any action on this agenda item.*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 2-2. I hereby request the installation of four (4) way Stop signs at the intersection of Howland and Bradford St. (Requested by: Jeff Jaran, Chief of Police)

Team Recommendation: Recommends. This will create a safer intersection, and offer safe access to the playground and the East End Market. This will slow down traffic speeds along Bradford St, and will allow breaks in heavy traffic flow heading into town that will enable side streets and driveway openings to enter or exit onto Bradford St. **See photos and map.**

Comments from Public: Jonathan Sinaiko, Sacha Richter, Pete Page, Vernon Porter, Gary Pasnick

Item 2-2. Board Action: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Teams Recommendation, and install four (4) way Stop signs at the intersection of Howland and Bradford Street, and include painted lines and warning signs 'stop ahead'.

Motion by: Austin Knight Seconded by: David Bedard
Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Mary-Jo Avellar)

Item 2-3. I hereby request a sidewalk on Conwell from Rte 6 up to Cemetery Rd located on the west side. This will give pedestrians and bicycle traffic a safer route to travel. (Requested by: Jeff Jaran, Chief of Police).

Team Recommendation: Recommended and Not Recommended –The Chief being half of this team of course recommends. The DPW on one hand recommends and knows this is a safer access down Conwell to Cemetery Road. The problem is it does not belong to us so we do not recommend. This is a State road to Harry Kemp Way. We have already tried to get this done with the State, but the only way they would do the construction of a sidewalk is if the Town would take over the rest of all state roads that are in Provincetown boundaries. That would be Conwell to Harry Kemp Way, Race Point to Seashore boundaries, Snails Road, and 6-A from Allerton St East to the Town Line. With all the cuts in budgets and personnel, we are ill equipped to handle Rte 6 on January 10, 2010, which we will have full responsibility for. To add even more state roads would just add to the burden of not enough money and not enough staff to take care of these areas, as well as all the Town Roads and Private Roads that we take care of in one form or another. **See Map.**

Item 2-3. Board Action: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to instruct the Town Manager to direct Staff to secure the appropriate information that would allow Representative Peake to go forward to the Secretary of Transportation to acquire funds to provide a sidewalk from the Transfer Station to the curb on Conwell Street; also see if we could have Glenn Cannon from the Cape Cod Commission do an analysis so that Representative Peake has the information that she need; further that the Assessors Department map out the areas that are the town property, and do outreach to those people who have homes in the effected area.

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by: Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 2-4. We hereby request, as a Pilot Program, replace meters in the West End Parking Lot with a Coin/Credit Card pay station. (Requested by: Parking Dept – Patricia Benatti).

Team Recommendation: This is a Board of Selectmen Policy Decision

Item 2-4. Board Action: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this item to next meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 6 PM.

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by: Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 2-5. We hereby request, as a revenue-enhancing program, to assign one police officer to a four-hour detail to monitor Handicap Parking spaces for violators. A four hour detail cost \$160.00, a HP violation ticket is \$300.00, and a citation is \$500.00. The citation can only be written by a Police Officer. Police officers also have a r1 screens on their laptops so they can check HP card information. This will free up the HP spaces for legal HP parking. (Requested by: Parking Dept- Patricia Benatti).

Team Recommendation: Do Not Recommend. Checking Handicap placards and plates is part of police officers duties. We do recommend that the police and parking work in concert to find and fine violators.

Item 2-5. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Team Recommendation and NOT approve this request.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 2-6. We hereby request the town to review the permit regulation change adopted July 28, 2008, allowing non-resident property owners to purchase a resident permit with only a registration showing a Provincetown resident address and a non-resident mailing address. (*Requested by: Parking Dept- Patricia Benatti*).

Team Recommendation: This is a Board of Selectmen Policy Decision.

Item 2-6. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote that in order to receive a resident permit sticker, one must provide proper proof of residency via a drivers license and car registration with a Provincetown residential address.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson
Yea 3 Nay 2 (David Bedard / Mary-Jo Avellar)

Motion to adjourn by Austin Knight at 9:10 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen
March 25, 2009