

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ANNUAL TRAFFIC HEARING – MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2006
JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Cheryl Andrews opened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following attendees: Cheryl Andrews, Sarah Peake, Michele Couture, Richard Olson, David Nicolau

Other attendees: Chief of Police Ted Meyer, Sgt. Warren Tobias, Robert Russell, Patricia Benatti. (Town Manager Keith Bergman on Vacation)

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

#1. CITIZEN PROPOSALS

David Nicolau recused himself.

Item a. Remove handicapped parking on Montello to create 2 regular parking spots. *(Requested by Dr. Rick Murray)*

Team Recommendation: The team recommends the removal of these two handicap-parking places. It is our understanding that they were installed for someone who was living in that area and no longer does. The photos and map show there is no reason these cannot be on street parking.

Item a. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not recommending Citizen Proposal #1.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake **Yea 3 Nay 1 (Cheryl Andrews)**

David Nicolau returned.

Item b. Repaint “Tow Zone No Parking” on Upper Pearl Street. *(Recommended by Nancy Ross & Jacqueline Sperry)*

Team Recommendation: The team does not recommend any repainting. The photos (no maps) clearly show “No Parking” painted in the street and the photos also show the signs that clearly state “Tow Zone”. The painting on side streets was done last year and is done every other year. We also recognize if there is a problem with people parking there then it is an enforcement issue. If someone is parked in those areas the surrounding property owners should advise the police so they can ticket and/or tow.

Item b. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend – Repaint “Tow Zone No Parking” on Upper Pearl Street*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake **Yea 5 Nay 0**

Item c. Allow truck unloading on Commercial Street between Gosnold St. and Masonic Place until 11:00 AM. *(Recommended by Elizabeth Patrick)*

Team Recommendation: The team has no recommendation because trucks are allowed to unload in this area before 11:00 AM. If the issue is cars or trucks parking on the wrong side of Commercial Street then this is an enforcement issue. The property owners need to notify the police when this happens so they can ticket and/or tow. Map Only.

Item c. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this item.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake **Yea 5 Nay 0**

Item d. Re-install “No Parking” signs on both sides of third driveway on right of Howland St. (coming from

Bradford). *(Recommended by Elizabeth Patrick)*

Team Recommendation: The team does not recommend. Photo's and Map attached. There are 5 signs along Howland St that say, "No Parking Either Side". Some were removed during the Board of Selectmen's process of getting rid of some street signs. We still find that there are an appropriate amount of signs on Howland indication "No Parking Either Side". Again, if the property owner is having problems with people illegally parked on Howland then they need to call the police so they may ticket and/or tow. The photos shown are on opposite sides not more that 60' from the driveway mentioned.

Item d. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote move the current no parking sign closer to the Patrick's driveway.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake **Yea 5 Nay 0**

Item e. Change "Parking for Library Patrons" to a "No Parking Zone" or "Unloading Zone" on corner of Freeman and Commercial Streets. *Recommended by Lands End Marine Supply, Inc. – Connie Kacergis, Manager)*

See attachment #1 – Photos submitted by proponent.

Team Recommendation: The Team does not recommend. The "Parking for Library Patrons" was removed almost immediately after the Library moved to Center Street. The yellow lines on Commercial Street on the curbing on both sides of Freeman Street are sufficiently long enough away from the intersection to allow Lands End to back into their unloading area. Please see map and photos.

Item e. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to take no action.*

Motion by: Sarah Peake **Seconded by:** Richard Olson **Yea 5 Nay 0**

#2. TOWN DEPARTMENT PROPOSALS

Sarah Peake recused herself as she is an abutter.

Item a. Move handicapped space on Center Street to first space near Commercial Street. *(Requested by Library)*

Team Recommendation: The team does not recommend. The existing handicap parking place is located just in front of the handicap access into the Library. Putting a handicap-parking place at the end of Center near Commercial forces handicap persons to climb the hill of Center Street to get to the handicap entrance. The photos show a car parked in the handicap spot with the access just behind the car that is clearly marked a tow zone. Please see attached map and photos.

Item a. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this request.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** David Nicolau **Yea 4 Nay 0**

Item b. Add Johnson Street and Center Street to list of snow removal streets. *(Requested by DPW)*

Team Recommendation: The team recommends. This area becomes too narrow when cars and/or trucks are parking on the side. No photos or maps needed.

Item b. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to add Center Street to the list of snow removal Streets.*

Motion by: David Nicolau **Seconded by:** Michele Couture **Yea 4 Nay 0**

Sarah Peake returned.

Item b. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to add Johnson Street to the list of snow removal Streets.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake **Yea 5 Nay 0**

#3. PARKING DEPARTMENT PROPOSALS

Item a. Lease 10 spaces at Jerome Smith for boats, trailers or other large vehicles aside from campers for \$250 per season.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photos or maps needed.

Chairman Andrews read letter into record from Mary DeRocco. (See attachment #1)

Item a. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend to lease 10 spaces at Jerome Smith for boats, trailers or other large vehicles aside from campers for \$250 per season.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 1 (David Nicolau)

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote have an agenda item to revisit the green barrier and neighborhood concerns at the Jerome Smith Parking Lot.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 5 Nay 0

David Nicolau recused himself as he is an abutter.

Item b. Move Handicapped space at Winthrop 5 feet east on Commercial.

Team Recommendation: The team recommends the moving of this handicap space by 5 feet to the east. As the map and photos indicate this handicap space is approximately 3 feet from the Winthrop Street access, which causes turning problems for SUV's and Trucks. By moving this handicap space 5 feet to the east we will lose a winter parking space on Commercial Street.

Item b. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to move the handicap space located at Winthrop Street by 5 feet to the East on Commercial Street.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Sarah Peake Yea 4 Nay 0

David Nicolau returned.

Item c. Change 8 side streets to "Resident/Non-Resident Property Owner Parking Only" to create 85 spaces.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photos or map needed.

Item c. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this item.*

Motion by: Sarah Peake Seconded by: Michele Couture Yea 5 Nay 0

Item d. Replace "Resident Only" signs at Bradford on Shankpainter with "3 hour limit parking".

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. We have provided a photo for reference.

Item d. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this item.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Sarah Peake Yea 5 Nay 0

Item e. Change senior permit age from 59 to 65 years of age

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photo or map needed.

Item e. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to take no action.*

Motion by: Sarah Peake **Seconded by:** Michele Couture
Yea 4 Nay 1 (Richard Olson)

Item f. Allow free parking for only those Town Boards whose members met 12 times the previous year.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photo or map needed.

Item f. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not recommend this item.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake Yea 5 Nay 0

Item g. Add a Grace Hall only weekly permit

Sarah Peake left the room to avoid a conflict of interest.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photo or map needed.

Item g. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to add a Grace Hall only weekly parking permit at the fee of \$100.00 with the condition that the Parking Department agrees to meet with the Board of Selectmen sometime late in June and report back on how the program is working and whether or not they recommend it for the rest of the summer.*

Motion by: Cheryl Andrews **Seconded by:** David Nicolau Yea 3 Nay 1 (Michele Couture)

Sarah Peake returned.

Item h. Change the MPL hourly rate from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per hour.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photo or map needed

Item h. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend changing the MPL hourly rate from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per hour.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake Yea 5 Nay 0

Item i. Change the Grace Hall hourly rate from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per hour

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photo or map needed.

Item i. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend to change the Grace Hall hourly rate from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per hours.*

Motion by: David Nicolau **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 5 Nay 0

Item j. Charge vehicles with handicapped placards the regular rate at the MPL.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photo or map needed.

Item j. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to charge vehicles with handicapped placards the regular rate at the MPL*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 1 (David Nicolau)

Item k. Charge vehicles with handicapped placards the regular rate at Grace Hall Lot.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photo or map needed

Item k. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to charge vehicles with handicapped placards the regular rate at the Grace Hall Parking Lot.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 1 (David Nicolau)

Item l. Remove “Resident 3 hour parking” and replace with meters on Alden Street on West of Alden Lot.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. We have provided a map and photos for reference

Chairman Andrews read letter into record from Nancy De Luca. (See attachment #2)

Item l. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not recommend this item.*

Motion by: Sarah Peake **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 5 Nay 0

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting m,n,o for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photo or map needed.

Item m. Remove “Town Hall business only 30 minutes” signs on meter posts 606 and 607 on Ryder Street.

Item n. Retain in Ryder Street Lot 1-space for Selectmen, 1-space for Treasurer’s Office, 1-handicap space and 1-handicapped unloading space. 10 spaces for Town Hall Business only 8 AM to 5 PM which revert to “Residents Only” after 5 PM

Item o. Assign to Town Hall employees parking spaces in the Grace Hall Lot nearest Bradford Street from 7 AM to 6 PM M-F.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photos or map needed.

Item m,n,o. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table items m,n,o.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake Yea 5 Nay 0

Item p. Change fines for parking violations as follows:

1. Obstruct Gate or Driveway from \$25 to \$50;
2. Obstruct Crosswalk from \$25 to \$50;
3. 20 feet from a corner from \$25 to \$50;
4. Obstructing Public Transportation from \$25 to \$50;
5. Fire Lane from \$25 to \$50;
6. Private Property Handicap Parking from \$50 to \$100;
7. Blocking Handicap Unloading Area from \$50 to \$100;
8. Obstructing Fire Hydrant from \$50 to \$100;
9. Handicap Parking Violation from \$100 to \$300;

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photos or map needed.

Item p. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the change fines for parking violations as presented in item p.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Sarah Peake Yea 5 Nay 0

Item q. Charge hourly rate at MPL from April 1 through Thanksgiving Weekend.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photos or map needed.

Item q. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this item.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: David Nicolau Yea 5 Nay 0

Item r. Charge bus companies \$300 a season for parking at Jerome Smith.

Team Recommendation: The team is presenting for Board of Selectmen policy decision. No photos or map needed.

Item r. Board Action: *This item withdrawn by Parking Department.*

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter
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