

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ANNUAL TRAFFIC HEARING – TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2006

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

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

Other attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman, Acting Chief of Police Warrant Tobias, DPW Deputy Director Sandy Turner.

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

#1. Citizen Proposals:

Item A. I hereby request that Brewster Street become Permit Parking Only. (Requested by: Bryan Green)

Pubic Comments: Parking Dept. Clerk Pat Benatti – does not agree with Team Recommendations. Letters received from public: Jerome Crepeau and Louis Lima, 22 Brewster Street (*Attachment #1*), also letter from Donna Cooper, MD, 26 Brewster St., (*Attachment #2*).

Board Comments - Wondering if we could limit street parking to 48 hours.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to ask for a report within two weeks from the Acting Chief of Police

Motion by: Cheryl Andrews Second by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Team Recommendation: Do Not Recommend. Permit Parking Only will not solve this problem because anyone who has a permit could legally park on Brewster Street and stay there all summer. We also noticed that most all properties have parking on their property.

Item a. Board Action: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote not to approve Item 1A.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item B. I hereby request that a “No Parking” sign be installed by the town at the base of our Emergency Exit from our home. (Requested by: Rob Vitale)

No pubic comments.

Team Recommendation: Do Not Recommend. Parking along side of this property does not prohibit an emergency exit. They might not be able to exit north but they can exit east and west from the stairs.

Item B. Board Action: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Item 1B.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item C. I hereby request that “No Parking” be painted in the street in front of my driveway. (Requested by: Helene & Mark Buker to be represented by Michael Goodearl for this traffic hearing).

Team Recommendation: Recommend. The Police are aware that parking in front of 358 Commercial St has been a problem with Police and Parking Departments. See attached Map Article #1-C

Item C. Board Action: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Item 1C.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item D. I hereby request to make Upper Pearl Street one way (southbound makes the most sense as Brewster Street is one way Northbound) – or eliminate on street parking to allow for two-way traffic.. (Requested by: Peter J. Portney).

Team Recommendation: **Do Not Recommend.** Upper Pearl Street has been a 2-way street and on street parking for many, many years. Pulling off to the side or into someone’s driveway to let a car pass in very typical for Provincetown’s Streets. Upper Pearl St. is also an Emergency Snow Road where no parking is allowed during a snowstorm. Upper Pearl is a typical narrow street in Provincetown.

Public Comments: Donna Cooper not in favor of this request. Louis Lima in favor of this request. Peter Bez – two way has never been a problem. Jerome Crepeau – witnesses his fence post being hit numerous times and is in favor of this request. Alex Brown – suggest putting up ‘Street Cleaning Sign’.

Item D. Board Action: Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote not approve Item D.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item E. We hereby request help with eliminating cars protruding out onto Race Road (Requested by: Alex Brown)

No public comments.

Team Recommendation: **Do Not recommend as a Traffic Hearing issue.** This is a Police matter, and calls should be made to the Police when vehicles are protruding into the street.

Item E. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote not approve Item E with the provision of delineating the curve.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item F. We hereby request a sign for West “Franklin Street” to help eliminate delivery and supply trucks from going too far on Franklin St and causing damage because West “Franklin Street” is very narrow. (Requested by: Alex & Joady Brown)

No public comments.

Team Recommendation: **Recommended.** The sign that is in place now could very well confuse any driver in regards to which street is a “DEAD END”. We will move the sign further onto West Franklin.

Item F. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Item F as recommended by the Traffic Team. DPW will also install a new “Franklin Street” sign.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item G. We hereby request the Town to install a permanent handicap space in front of the Provincetown Art Association and Museum at 460 Commercial St. We have provided a handicap van space in our parking lot, but the need is for more accessible spaces. The handicap spaces near Kiley Court and the Schoolhouse do not serve PAAM as efficiently as a space on our block. (Requested by: PAAM Christian McCarty)

Public Comments

Candice Collins-Boden – I see a lot of people that attend functions at this location.

Michelle DeMarco - Chair of Disability Commission. This is about need and not ADA.

Debbie DeJonker – I can walk. But there is a need for spaces at this location for those who cannot.

Lynn Davies - I applaud the town for ADA compliance. But we need more spaces for handicapped spaces at these types of locations.

Staff Comments

Cheryl Andrews - From the sounds of it, we maybe we need to put our heads together and come up with a solution.

Team Recommendation: *Do Not Recommend.* There is handicap parking both east and west of the PAAM location, and a handicap space on their property. This was requested last year for the 2006 Spring Traffic Hearing and was Not Recommended then.

Item G. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reschedule items 1G to our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at a time to be determined.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 3 Nay 0

Item H. I hereby request the following: a) signal motorists that MPL Lot is FULL at Bradford St to stop Lopes Square congestion, b) Make MPL in only from Lopes Square (ticket booth no attendant) and out-only to Ryder St (with attendant to receive payments, c) Put Satellite Parking on two lanes on Route 6 on Southside. *(Requested by: Mark Birnbaum, dba MoJo's).*

Team Recommendation: *Recommended.* The Police and DPW recommend the change to go back to the entrance and exit being separated for safety, especially because there are so many people in the Lopes Square area. This allows traffic and visitors to flow much better around Lopes Square and the Pier area. This will also allow the traffic exiting the MPL not to have to either add to the traffic along Lopes Square or fight the buses to exit on Ryder St. We do have a working light on Bradford and Standish to let people know if the MPL Lot was full. We feel we cannot accomplish the change this summer, but we should be able to do it for next summer. The booth will have to be revamped by Buildings and Grounds and our contracted electrician, the computer at the in-booth now will have to go to the out-booth and the ticket dispenser will stay at the in-booth. Phones in both booths, unless the attendants are given two-way radios, then only the exit booth will need a phone. We are aware this will cost a little more, but the safety of entering and exiting will improve greatly for vehicle and pedestrians.

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

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item I. I hereby request that the Town create a limited parking zone on the North side of Bradford behind Town Hall from the Western most crosswalk abutting Town Hall property, eastward to the crosswalk at the western corner of Ryder St. *(Requested by: Peter Page et al)*

Public Comments

Candice Collins Bowden – Tour buses make wide turns in this area and I do not recommend.

Team Recommendation: *Not Recommended.* The acting Police Chief said NO, because of traffic and safety issues.

Item I. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Item I.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item J. We hereby request that the Town designate four parking spaces on Nickerson Street next to the playground for use of families using the playground. (Requested by: Jessie Kalelkar and Mary Knapp)

Team Recommendation: *Withhold recommendation:* The team has not been able to review this request together so we don't have a definitive recommendation, but we will at the time of the Traffic Hearing.

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

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

#2. Town Department Proposals:

Item A. We hereby request effective April 2007, for this proposal to direct the Provincetown Police Dept to include a rebate coupon with a message from the Chief of Police with all parking citations issued. The rebate coupon will provide the violator with \$5.00 of free parking at the Municipal Parking Lot (MPL) in an effort to persuade the violator to, 1) pay their parking ticket without protest; 2) leave Provincetown with a more positive attitude; 3) lessen the amount of altercations with the parking control officers. (Requested by: The Provincetown Office of Tourism).

Public Comments

Alex Brown – Doesn't think this is a good idea.

Margo Page – Feels this is an excellent idea and good for tourism.

Team Recommendation: *Recommended.* We feel this is a very positive and friendly ticket advising our visitors that the Parking Lot would be the best place to park and not get a ticket. This could possibly save the Police and Parking Departments a lot of time if this helps not only the person getting the citation, but also the person giving the ticket. We do recommend that the Grace Hall lots be included in the rebate ticket issuing, because that \$5.00 rebate will mean nothing to the receiver if they cannot get into the MPL Lot, because it's full.

Item A. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Item A as recommended.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item B. We hereby request to allow two full-time out-of-town Library employees to purchase a town resident sticker at the town resident rate. (Requested by: Board of Library Trustees and Library Director).

Team Recommendation: *Recommended.* The Police Chief and DPW have no issue with allowing the employees of the Library to purchase resident sticker at the resident rate to be able to park somewhere to get to work.

Item B. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Item B as recommended.*

Motion by: Richard Olson Seconded by: Michele Couture Yea 3 Nay 0

Item C. We hereby request the town to create a second handicapped parking space on Center Street next to the Library. (Requested by: Disability Commission, Board of Library Trustees and

Library Director).

Team Recommendation: Not Recommended: We cannot accommodate putting handicap places at every intersection for the benefit of businesses. There are strategic areas that we have inserted handicap parking to include all Municipal Parking Lots. The Town of Provincetown meets and exceeds the America with Disabilities Act with the amount of dedicated handicap parking and placement. See Attached Map Article # 2-c

Item C. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reschedule items 2C to our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at a time to be determined.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 3 Nay 0

Item D. We need clarification - Signage on Ryder St. – decide if the Town wishes to include or exempt handicapped vehicles on the “3 Hour Limit”. (Requested by: Disability Commission).

Team Recommendation: This is a Board of Selectmen Policy Decision. Again we do not recommend taking up precious “3-hour resident parking areas”, when as stated above we exceed the ADA requirements for handicap parking in Provincetown.

Item D. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reschedule items 2D at our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at a time to be determined.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 3 Nay 0

Item e. We hereby request the town to create one(1) additional handicapped parking space directly behind the existing space at Parking Meter #C99 located at the West End Rotary. (Requested by: Disability Commission).

Team Recommendation: Not Recommended. We have one space designated for that area and needless to say most visitors park along and within the perimeter of the rotary on the waterside, which is still state owned and the State Police do not ticket that area, but any parking outside that perimeter will get ticked by the town.

Item E. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reschedule items 1E to our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at a time to be determined.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 3 Nay 0

Item F. We hereby request the town to create two (2) handicapped parking spaces closer to the intersection of Howland and Commercial Streets. (Requested by: Disability Commission).

Team Recommendation: Not Recommended: We have a handicap spot at 431, 480 and 556 Commercial Street and the St Mary’s of the Harbor has handicap parking on their property. The Schoolhouse Building has parking in the back of the building and should make one of their own handicap spaces on their property.

Item F. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reschedule items 1F to our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at a time to be determined.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 3 Nay 0

Item G. We hereby request the town to create three (3) handicapped parking spaces in the vicinity of 460-462 Commercial Street. (Requested by: Disability Commission).

Team Recommendation: Not Recommended: PAAM has one on their property and the Town has one at 480 and 432 east and west of the PAAM Facility. The request for this area was brought up at the last Traffic

Hearing and it was turned down then and should be turned down again.

Item G. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reschedule items 1G to our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at a time to be determined.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 3 Nay 0

Item H. We hereby request the town to create one (1) handicapped parking space across from the Aquarium Mall located at 204 Commercial Street. *(Requested by: Disability Commission).*

Team Recommendation: *Not Recommended:* There is a handicap spot near Masonic and another one near Winthrop St.

Item H. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reschedule items 1H to our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at a time to be determined.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 3 Nay 0

Item I. We hereby request the town to relocate one of the three (3) Designated Handicapped Parking Spaces to Meter #743. *(Requested by: Disability Commission).*

Team Recommendation: *Not Recommended.* The three handicap spaces are directly across from the entrance to the Elementary School, which are used mostly by parents and students of that school. If we move them down the hill from the school than parents and students have to go up the hill to get to the school, handicap parents who cannot leave their car also use these same handicap parking spaces to watch their sons or daughters in sport activities in Motta Field.

Item I. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reschedule items 1I to our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at a time to be determined.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 3 Nay 0

#3. Parking Department Proposals:

Item A. We hereby request that the town remove parking space in front of 5 Atlantic Avenue. *(Requesting by: Parking Dept).*

Team Recommendation: *Not Recommended:* This area has always been a concern for DPW and Police. At both 5A Atlantic and 4 Atlantic there are wide sections in front of both properties that are encroaching into the boundaries of Atlantic. There are other properties on Atlantic also with encroachment into Atlantic. We feel that if the encroachments were corrected we would have enough street area as to not hinder any emergency type vehicles. We do agree with parking that public safety is first so these encroachments need to be dealt with ASAP. See Attached Map Article # 3-a.

Item A. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to refer this item to the Department of Public Works.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item B. We hereby request the town to change eight (8) side streets to “Resident/Non-Resident Property Owner Parking Only” to create 85 spaces. (Requested by: Parking Dept).

Team Recommendation: Not Recommended:

Item B. Board Action: Item withdrawn.

Item C. We hereby request the town to clarify and update wording of Section 6-2-1 of the Parking Regulations. (Requested by: Parking Dept).

Team Recommendation: Board of Selectmen Policy Decision. Resident Permit

Item C. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Item C as recommended.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item D. We hereby request the town to clarify and update wording of Section 6-2-3 of the Parking Regulations. (Requested by: Parking Dept).

Team Recommendation: Board of Selectmen Policy Decision. Resident Senior Permit

Item D. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Item D as recommended.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item E. We hereby request the town to clarify and update wording of Section 6-4-1 of Parking Regulations. (Requested by: Parking Dept).

Team Recommendation: Board of Selectmen Policy Decision. Town Boards & Committee – Free Resident Permits.

Item E. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Item E as recommended.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item F We hereby request from the Town to change Parking Regulation – Article 4 – Special Permits – Section 6-4-3 – ADD Nonresident Town Board and Committee Members. (Requested by: Parking Dept).

Team Recommendation: Board of Selectmen Policy Decision. Free Non-Residents Permits for Town Boards & Committee Members

Item F. Board Action: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote that this provision shall not apply to out of state registrations.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture at 8:22 pm.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter
March 29, 2007