

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ANNUAL TRAFFIC HEARING – TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011 6 PM

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Michele Couture opened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following attendees: Michele Couture, David Bedard, Austin Knight, Elaine Anderson and John Santos

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner, Chief of Police Jeff Jaran, DPW Deputy Director Sandy Turner, Parking Administrator Dominic Rosati

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen wave the reading of the Public Hearing.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

#1. Citizens Proposals

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to take Agenda Item 1Q out of order.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-Q. Elderly and disabled residents on Harry Kemp Way feel unsafe as pedestrians going from Maushope to Bradford Street via Conwell Street. Residents request lowering the speed limit on Conwell to no more than 25 MPH (currently 30 MPH) and in addition signs reading Caution: Heavily Congested Area on the east side of Conwell shortly after the turn from Bradford Street. (Requested by: Cheryl Andrews, Housing Authority Chair representing Maushope Tenants Association).

Team Recommendation: **We do recommend.** The Police Chief has agreed to lower the speed from 30 mph to 25 mph for the entire length of Conwell St including the area from Conwell to Harry Kemp. We can also install signs if the town owns an area to install safely. As you can see from the aerial photo's that there is no safe place to install a sign, but also you can see that there is some minor encroachments along Conwell St, but not enough to make this road safer for our elderly and disable residents from the Maushope area.

Public Statements for or against.

Roger Chauvette – Chair Maushope Assoc – In favor of this proposal.

Ms. Berman – In favor.

Chairman read letter from Dr. Cheryl Andrews into record.

Letter from Towanda – read into the record.

Gladys Johnstone – Which side are the motorize wheelchairs supposed to use? Chief Jaran – the same side and direction of traffic.

Patrick Manning – Director of Housing Authority – expressed concerns of Tenants Association as they feel their safety is at risk.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote accept the recommendation of the team to change the speed limit from the Highway on Route 6 to Harry Kemp to 25 MPH and from Harry Kemp to Bradford Street to 20 MPH.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-A Request the Unloading Zone sign be moved 5 feet toward the West because of improvements being made to 430 Commercial St. (Requested by: Rice Polak Gallery – Marla Rice)

Team Recommendation: *We do not recommend.* The unloading zone is made to fit large tractor trailers because of the restaurant in that area, this being the only unloading spot in this area. If we move the unloading zone towards the west we will lose 1-parking space.– **See photo and aerial shot.**

Public Comments – None. The Team reconsidered and agrees with applicant.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team to move the sign five feet toward the West.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** John Santos Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-B. Add more Taxi Stands 3-ea in front of Town Hall, Johnson St & Commercial St, Tourism Office 330 Commercial St, Lopes Square area, between Winthrop and Court, expand Masonic Place Stand. Additional recommendation to create a “Livery Parking & Taxi Relief Stand” in the area of the MPL Comfort Station. (Requested by: Raphael Richter, Manager of Mercedes Cab Company, Inc.)

Team Recommendation: *We do recommend partially.* (1) Town Hall 2 spaces behind the trolley, but leaving the end area nearest Ryder for postal delivery (2) East End 1 space shared with Fire spaces in the Johnson St Parking Lot, but only with the Fire Chiefs approval (3) Tourism 1-space (4) Lopes Square area – allow 3- spaces after 4:00 PM on the west side of the Governor Bradford on Standish St and these will also be the Livery and Taxi Relief Stand (5) West End 1 space (6) Masonic and Commercial add 1 more space to make 2 between Carver St and Winthrop St Additionally no spaces at guardrail abutting the MPL – This is an additional 9 spaces. We are proposing to change the traffic flow in this area it is very congested and adding “Livery Parking & Taxi Relief Stand” will make it worse. **See aerial and photos**

Public in Favor
Eric Yingling, Rick Macara.

Chairman Couture read the names of emails received in favor of this proposal. (Attached)
Along with a petition with 82 signatures.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to NOT allow two taxi spaces in front of town hall.*

Motion By: David Bedard **Seconded by:** Michele Couture
Yea 4 Nay 1 (John Santos)

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to take no action of Item #2*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to allow one taxi space in front of the Tourism Office during regular season where there is no on-street parking.*

Motion By: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** John Santos Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the teams recommendation to allow one space on the East Side of Governor Bradford after 4 PM; and one space at Lopes Square to be determined by the team.*

Motion By: David Bedard **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to allow one taxi space between Carver St and Atlantic Street.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to allow one more space on Commercial Street between Masonic and the Post Office after 4 PM.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote that all of the above approved motions return at next year's Annual Traffic Hearing.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-C. Due to personal damage to his property he requests the town assert their property and road boundaries and cut back the hedges, located on the south side of Dexter's Inn, to expose the town owned shoulder. (*Requested by: James Turner*).

Team Recommendation: *We do recommend.* This has been an ongoing dispute in this neighborhood. To be fair we recommend that all residents on Railroad Ave between Conwell and Upper Center St be told by letter that all bushes, trees, fences and any other obstruction in the public right of way be cut or moved back to their property line. They will have 15 days to comply or the Highway Dept will cut it all back and remove any obstructions (i.e. Fences, boulders etc...) that is in the Railroad Ave Public Right of Way. **See aerial and photos.**

Applicant gave a brief overview of his reason for becoming before the board.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team, changing the notification time to the owners giving them 30 days to comply with the bylaws.*

Motion By: David Bedard **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-D. Request that signs be erected or language added to already existing signs prohibiting the parking of cars along Commercial St from Point St to the Provincetown Inn Rotary when the National Weather Service issues a forecast for hurricane with sustained winds of 74 MPH or more in order to facilitate the movement of boat trailers in order to assist the Harbormasters effort to remove boats from the Harbor in a timely and orderly manner. (*Requested by: Provincetown Public Pier Corporation, Rex McKinsey, Harbormaster*).

Team Recommendation: *We do recommend.* The DPW can make the signs and store them until they are needed. As soon as the Harbor Master declares the necessity of this area being clear of any parking due to the threat of weather the DPW will install the signs. **See aerial photo.**

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation.*

Motion By: John Santos **Seconded by:** David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-E Recommend that Snow Street be changed from a private two-way lane into a private one-way lane with traffic flow only from Bradford Street to Commercial Street and that an official "One Way" sign be installed on the existing post at the NW corner of Snow and Commercial and the owners intend to purchase and install a "Private-Do Not Enter" sign on the Bradford Street side. *(Requested by: Andy Howarth)*

Team Recommendation: *We do not recommend.* This is a private road so it would be up to the BOS to hear or not hear this request. We have been told that this was not a unanimous vote of all residents in this area. **See aerial photo.**

Applicant withdrew his application.

Item 1-F We would like to have one Parking spot removed between our driveway and our neighbor at 2 Aunt Sukey's Way. This would provide easy delivery for the postal person in their vehicles for our delivery and our neighbor. This parking spot is not Resident Only or a Metered one. We don't consider this an unreasonable request to have our mailed delivered to our house. *(Requested by: Stephen and Lynn Martin)*

Team Recommendation: *We do and do not recommend.* We feel we have a different proposal. It seems like this has become a problem because the Post Office will not deliver mail to the Martin's if a car is parked in this space claiming there is not enough room. We suggest moving the existing parking 3-4 feet to the north to give more room for the postal truck. If this is not seen as a viable solution than we recommend the removal of this parking space so the Martin's can get their mail delivered to their home. **See photo and aerial photos.**

No pubic comments.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation to eliminate the parking space, if there is no amicable solution with their neighbors.*

Motion By: David Bedard **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-G. To do something about the corner of Pleasant and Brown St. the parking spot is in a bad spot and has created a hazard when turning down Brown Street from Pleasant and a car is trying to turn from Brown onto Pleasant. I recommend that we remove that parking spot on the corner of Brown and Pleasant. *(Requested by: Alex Brown)*

Team Recommendation: *We do recommend.* This is a bad very blind corner and we recommend the removal of this parking space for safety concerns. **See photos and aerial photo.**

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation to eliminate the parking space as requested.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-H. We recommend that the BOS turn Brewster St into residential parking only. (Requested by: Bryan Green and Dennis Roy along with a petition signed by residents in the area).

Team Recommendation: *We have no recommendation.* This is a policy decision for the BOS

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the request to establish a residential parking only district on Brewster Street north of Bradford Street.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** David Bedard **Yea 5 Nay 0**

Item 1-I. Recommend that you continue meters along the Southside of Harry Kemp Way east of Conwell to Brewster Street parallel to the sidewalk. (Requested by: Valerie Martin).

Team Recommendation: *We do not recommend.* The road here is too narrow to accommodate a sidewalk and metered spaces. This area is also used heavily by residents of Maushope. See aerial photo.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and NOT grant this request.*

Motion By: John Santos **Seconded by:** David Bedard **Yea 5 Nay 0**

Item 1-J. Recommend 2 perhaps 3 spaces off Freeman Street behind the Old Library used by the VSB employees could be metered and the VSB with stickers could park there and the public could use them also. (Requested by: Valerie Martin).

Team Recommendation: *We do not recommend.* This area maybe 2-spaces is used by the employees at the Freeman St Building unless we have heavy rains then the space becomes one because DPW has to hook up a generator for the pump house that is there to prevent flooding. See aerial photo.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and NOT grant this request.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** John Santos **Yea 5 Nay 0**

Item 1-K. The stop line on Alden Street at Bradford Street is set too far North, it should be 5 feet further south to allow one to see cars approaching from the east. (Requested by: Valerie Martin).

Team Recommendation: *We do not recommend.* The line that is being referred to is the stop line for High Pole Hill Road not Alden Street. We do understand that with Alden Street like so many other streets in town that you have to inch forward to be able to get a clear and safe view in order to pull out. There is a stop line at High Pole Hill because they have a clearer view of Bradford St.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and NOT grant this request.*

Motion By: John Santos **Seconded by:** Austin Knight **Yea 5 Nay 0**

Item 1-L. I suggest metering the west Side of Ryder Street south of Commercial Street from the shops up to Cabral's Wharf. There are spaces for 3 or 4 meters leaving an entrance near the Outer Most Kites for beach access. *(Requested by: Valerie Martin).*

Team Recommendation: We do not recommend. First, the DPW has to have access to the beach with large equipment, second, there is a great need for the unloading zone and Third Ryder is not wide enough in the other areas. Also with the recommended change in traffic flow this area will not be conducive to metered spaces.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and NOT grant this request.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** John Santos Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-M. I suggest metering the parking spaces on the south side of Bradford Street just east of Gosnold Street where Bradford is wider. *(Requested by: Valerie Martin).*

Team Recommendation: We do not recommend. When there is an illegally parked car in this area you cannot see the traffic going west so we do not want this area be legal for parking.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and NOT grant this request.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** John Santos Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-N. I suggest the handicapped parking space by 604-606 Commercial Street be redrawn and the spaces that were lost be reinstated. *(Requested by: Valerie Martin).*

Team Recommendation: We do not recommend. We know there are handicap residents in this area, and maybe a handicap tourist would like to visit Suzan's Garden too.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and NOT grant this request.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** John Santos Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-O. The BOS could petition the DEP on its Chapter 91 restrictions to allow present and future parking at Cabral's Wharf, they have allowed pedestrian access and we need the parking. *(Requested by: Valerie Martin).*

Team Recommendation: This is a BOS Policy decision not for staff that are making recommendations for the Traffic Hearing.

Applicant withdrew the application.

Item 1-P. A Convex Mirror should be erected on Hancock Street at south east corner so traffic approaching from the west can be seen. *(Requested by: Valerie Martin).*

Team Recommendation: We do not recommend partially. *The Convex mirrors are very expensive, like to be stolen and don't work very well.* If this is more of a problem than any other street in Provincetown we will consider a recommendation of the removal of the parking space at the end of Hancock and Bradford St on the left side.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and NOT grant this request.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-R. Please consider removing the last parking space on Center Street nearest to the corner of Railroad Ave to ease the problems of 2-way traffic passing one another. This will provide a pull off area near the corner.(Requested by: Michael Gredler and Alan Olszewski).

Team Recommendation: We do recommend. As you are aware we have traffic moving issues in this entire area and we recommend the removal of this "not quite legal" space to allow easier passage from one street to another

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and grant the request to remove the parking space as requested.*

Motion By: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** John Santos Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-S. We live on the corner of Harry Kemp Way and Howland Street cars speed up Howland from Bradford St making getting out of our driveway very dangerous and we are requesting a Stop Sign on Howland where it meets Harry Kemp Way.(Requested by: Heather Smith-McNulty).

Team Recommendation: We do not recommend a stop sign in this area, but we do recommend signs advising drivers of "blind driveways".

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the request to install a 3-way stop sign on Howland Street at Harry Kemp Way, and further to install pedestrian caution signs.*

Motion By: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** John Santos Yea 5 Nay 0

#2 – Police Requests

Item 2-A. Review Route 6 and Conwell Street. Intersection for Safety reasons .(Requested by: Police Chief).

Team Recommendation: *We recommend that we request a traffic study from the Cape Cod Commission in how to best manage traffic at this intersection.*

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and request the Cape Cod Commission conduct a traffic study of the intersection at Route 6 and Conwell St.*

Motion By: David Bedard

Seconded by: John Santos

Yea 5 Nay 0

#3 – Parking Requests

Item 3-A. Increase Parking Permits .(Requested by: Domenic Rosati, Parking Administrator).

Team Recommendation: *We do recommend the following:*

Commercial Resident	from \$135.00 to \$140.00
Resident	from \$50.00 to \$55.00
Non-Resident Property Owner	from \$90.00 to \$100.00
Non-Resident	from \$250.00 to \$275.00
Non-Resident Grace Hall Only	from \$175.00 to \$200.00
Dune Tours	from \$900.00 to \$1,000.00
Trolley Tours	from \$900.00 to \$1,000.00
Jerome Smith Weekly Car (7 days)	from \$35.00 to \$40.00
Jerome Smith Camper Resident	from \$135.00 to \$150.00
Jerome Smith Camper Non-Resident	from \$400 to \$425.00
West End Lot Only Fishermen Weekly	from \$50.00 to \$55.00

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and approve the increase in parking permit fees as requested and deleting the permit for West End Lot Only Fishermen Weekly.*

Motion By: Austin Knight

Seconded by: John Santos

Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 3-B. Create a Grace Hall Weekly (7 Days) for Guest Houses with no parking on their property for guests .(Requested by: Domenic Rosati, Parking Administrator).

Team Recommendation: We do recommend.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and approve the Grace Hall Weekly Permit for \$75.00.*

Motion By: Austin Knight

Seconded by: David Bedard

Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 3-C. Parking Meter Enforcement increase from 12 hours to 16 hours 8:00 AM to Midnight .(Requested by: Domenic Rosati, Parking Administrator).

Team Recommendation: We do recommend.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and approve the increase from 12 hours to 16 hours; 8:00 AM to Midnight, as requested.*

Motion By: David Bedard

Seconded by: John Santos

Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 3-D. Alden Street Resident near Bradford Street (3 hour) parking only change to pay spots with no time limit. (Requested by: Domenic Rosati, Parking Administrator).

Team Recommendation: We do recommend.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and approve the change of 3 hour resident parking only spaces on Alden Street to pay spots with no limit.*

Motion By: John Santos **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 3-E. Dangerous Hill Top at 26 Commercial Street. Remove last parking in the area of 26 Commercial Street repaint lines giving equal space on both sides of the property. (Requested by: Domenic Rosati, Parking Administrator).

Team Recommendation: We do recommend for safety reasons.

Board of Selectmen Action:

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the team's recommendation and to remove the last parking space in the area of 26 Bradford Street as requested.*

Motion By: David Bedard **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 3-F. Proposal to remove the existing handicap space from inside Ryder Street lot. Since the completion of Town Hall we have 2 HP spaces behind Town Hall and 2 HP spaces on the side of Town Hall with those additions we need to remove the one in the Ryder Street Lot. (Requested by: Domenic Rosati, Parking Administrator).

Team Recommendation: We do recommend. Since the rebuild of Town Hall we now have 2-handicap spaces in the back of Town Hall and an additional 2-spaces on the east side of Town Hall, which is two more than we had before the work at Town Hall.

Board of Selectmen Action:

The request was withdrawn.

Motion to adjourn by Elaine Anderson at 9:25 PM

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen
March 16, 2010