

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ANNUAL TRAFFIC HEARING – TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 6 PM**

**JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM**

Chairman Elaine Anderson opened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following attendees: Elaine Anderson, David Bedard, Austin Knight, David McChesney 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

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen to take agenda Item “S” out of order.*

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

**Proposal by the Finance Committee**

**Item -S** *(Requested by the Finance Committee)*

Provincetown parking permit rates, per vehicle, per year shall be:

On March 15, 2011 the Board of Selectmen voted to increase parking permits as follows

Resident Senior (59).....Free

Resident Passenger..... \$55

Commercial Resident.....\$140

MPL Permit. . . . . \$1,350 (limit one permit per Provincetown business license)

Non Resident.....\$275

Non Resident Property Owner.....\$100

Non Resident – Grace Hall Only.....\$200

Grace Hall only permits for guest of guest houses with no parking is \$75 for 7 days

Jerome Smith Lot:

- Car Weekly.....\$40 (7 days)
- Camper Resident.....\$150
- Camper Nonresident.....\$425

Replacement Fee.....\$10

Defacing, altering, or switching permits to another car to cause revocation of permit and render offender ineligible for a replacement permit for that year

**6-3-1 FREE Parking**

Anyone bearing a Provincetown parking permit shall be allowed to park free in Provincetown municipal parking lots and at parking meters subject to limitations as listed in section 6-3-3.

1. Parking permit category “Non-Resident-Grace Hall Only” allows parking only in the Grace Hall Parking Lot.
2. Parking permit category MPL permit may be used in any town lot or at any meter

**6-3-3 PARKING Permit Time Limit**

- Municipal Parking Lot (MPL) at MacMillan Pier:
  1. The Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day:
    - a. Those vehicles with an MPL Permit shall have a twenty-four hour maximum time limit in the MPL. Stays exceeding twenty-four hours shall be charged at the prevailing hourly/daily rate.
    - b. Resident Senior, Resident Passenger and Non-resident Property Owner parking permits shall have a three hour maximum time limit per day. Stays exceeding three hours shall be charged at the prevailing hourly/daily rate.
    - c. All other vehicles shall be charged the prevailing hourly/daily rate.
  2. All other times during the parking season: All parking permits shall have a 48 twenty-four hour maximum time limit in Municipal Parking Lot at the MacMillan Pier. Stay exceeding 48 twenty-four hours shall be charged at the prevailing hourly/daily rate.
- Grace Hall Parking Lot: All parking permits shall have a 7 day maximum time limit in the Grace Hall Parking Lot. Stays exceeding 7 days shall be charged at the prevailing hourly/daily rates.
- Ryder Street meters: All parking permits are limited to three 3 hours. ~~at the Ruder Street meters.~~

1. Proposal by the Finance Committee;

Chairman Anderson read the names of the letters in opposition received by the office on this matter.(See attachment #1)

Public Comment Opposed Item S 6-3-3

Hank Keenan, Diannah Hardy, Terri, Herb Hintze, Hanol Leonard, Michelle Couture, Dual Cott, Donna Walker, Michael Lussier, Alix Brown. Alex Brown, Kerry Adams, Susan Avellar, Judy Ciccerio, Rita Spicher, Irene Bragga, Yvonne Cabral, Kimberly Wilkinson, Candace Collins Boden, Kathy Reno,

Public Comments in Favor - None

**Board of Selectmen**

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote NOT to support Item #S section 6-3-3 #B thereby Section 6-3-1 and 6-3-3 are null and void.*

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

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote NOT to make any changes to the parking rates.*

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

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to take Item U & V out of order.*

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

**Item U Item 7-1-1 Fee Structure**

Public Comments – None

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend the Finance Committee's recommendation as contained in the Public Hearing Notice.*

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

**Item –U** Requested by the Finance Committee

**7-1-1 FEE Structure**

The fee structure for the MacMillan Pier Lot and Grace Hall Lot shall be as follows:

- MacMillan Pier Parking Lot: 0 to 10 hours @ \$3.00 an hour, Maximum of \$30 for 24 hours
  - Grace Hall Parking Lot: 0 to 5½ **10** hours @ \$2.00 an hour, Maximum of \$13 **\$20** for 24 hours
- Proposal by the Finance Committee

**Team Recommendation:** *Policy Vote no Team Recommendation. Parking Department supports.*

**Item - U. Board Action:** **MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation as contained in the Public Hearing Notice.*

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

**Item V - 6-5-1 PAST Due Fees OBLIGATIONS** *(Requested by the Finance Committee)*

The Parking Department shall refuse the right to issue a Provincetown parking permit, or revoke as an assigned permit, without any refund of fees paid, for any vehicle, person or business with past due Provincetown financial obligations including taxes, water and sewer charges and parking violations.

**Team Recommendation:** *Policy Vote no Team Recommendation. Parking Department supports.*

**Public Comments**

**Kim Cromwell** – Try to have a way to make it right.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Austin Knight** – don't like the word shall, prefer the word 'may'.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the recommendation of the finance committee on Item 6-5-1 Past Due Obligation*

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

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen to take agenda Item "R" out of order.*

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

**Item - R - Applicant withdrew.**

**#1. CITIZENS PROPOSAL**

**Item -A** Request that Center Street be created to "Resident Parking Only". *(Proposal by: Jean Marino)*

**Team Recommendation:** Team has general support. Team would like to weigh in if Board of Selectmen is considering approval of this request.

Public Comments in Favor – Eric Yingling and Donna Walker

Chairman Anderson read letter from Library Director .

**Item - A. Board Action:** **MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve as presented. (North of Library and North of Bradford Street).*

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

**Item - B.** Remove parking spaces at 44/49 Pleasant Street because it poses a danger. (*Proposal by: Josephine A. Rabbitt*)

**Team Recommendation:** Due to the fact that there has been an accident and that there is only 1 legal space on this stretch of Pleasant Street we recommend the removal of this parking space to make this area safer for pedestrians, bikes and cars.

Public Comments - Alix Brown - In favor of this proposal.

**Item - B. Board Action:** **MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team's recommendation.*

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

**Item - C.** Requesting a Handicap Sign at the entrance way to 10-A Brewster Street (*Proposal by Maze Peters*).

No Public Comments

**Team Recommendation:** We do recommend if an 8' X 20' handicapped space is available.

**Item - C. Board Action:** **MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team's recommendation.*

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

**Item - D.** Requesting parking on Brewster Street to be ONLY for residents on Brewster Street (*Proposal by: Maze Peters*).

Public Comments in Favor - None

Public Comments Opposed - Michelle Couture, Dawn Cooper

Chairman Anderson read letter from Francis Coco regarding this matter.

**Team Recommendation:** The team strongly does not recommend. We allow "Resident Permit Parking Only No Commercial Vehicles", but not residents of the street only. This would be an enforcement nightmare.

**Item - D. Board Action:** **MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team to not recommend.*

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

**Item - E** Requesting that the No Parking signs be returned to the small roadway behind the MPL Comfort Station and behind the Portuguese Bakery. (*Proposal by: Mark & Michael Panoplies*)

Public Comments in Favor – None      Public Comments Opposed. – None

Chairman Anderson read letter attached to the agenda item from Stephen J. Boggs.

Team Recommendation: There were signs saying “No Parking Fire Lane Only” someone has removed the signs, because the pole is still there.

**Item 5- E. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to repost the signs “no parking in the public way”, and to have staff check to see who owns this property.***

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

**Item -F request sign to limit vehicle size at space 17 on the corner of Ryder and Commercial to “Compact Cars Only”. (*Proposal by: Alex Brown*)**

Public Comments in Favor – None      Public in Opposition - None

Team Recommendation: *Team Recommends. Both ends of the Ryder Street parking should have compact cars only.*

**Item - F. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team.***

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

**Item-G. Requesting the following:**

- 22 Brewster St designate 2 existing spaces below gate decrease driveway and post box cutouts to add 1 space to existing 2 spaces.
- 18 Brewster St designate 2 existing spaces and add a parking space after driveway.
- 16 Brewster St designate 2 existing spaces
- 14 Brewster St add 5 feet to existing space and designate 3 spaces
- 12 Brewster St designate 3 existing spaces
- 10 Brewster St. designate 2 existing spaces
- 8 Brewster St designate 2 existing spaces
- 4 Brewster St designate 8 existing spaces

*(Proposal by: Donna Cooper)*

Team Recommendation: Team does not recommend and this is logistically impossible.

**Item - G. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team and not recommend G.***

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

**Item -H. Upper Pearl Street has room for more on street parking spaces. Individual spaces should be marked so that a car cannot tie-up two spaces. Cutouts for driveways, post boxes and streets are inconsistent in size.**

- 32 & 36 Pearl St designate 5 existing spaces
- 34 Pearl St (cottage) add one foot to designate two spaces
- 34 Pearl St (house) add 4 feet & re-do prior spaces to designate 4 spaces
- 32 Pearl St remove “No Parking” designate in front of hedge to create 2 spaces
- FAWC – mother well house- add 5 feet to create 2<sup>nd</sup> space designate 2 spaces

*(Proposal by: Donna Cooper).*

Team Recommendation: Team does not recommend again this is logistically impossible.

**Item - H. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team and not recommend H.***

**Item -I. Aunt Sukey's Way has room for more on street parking. Cutouts for driveway are inconsistent in size. Current marked spaces range in size of 10 feet to 22.5 feet. Old Colony Way (corner of Aunt Sukey Way) add 9 feet to existing spaces to create a total of 3 spaces  
2 Aunt Sukey Way create 3 spaces in front of home (currently no parking for what unclear reason.  
4 Aunt Sukey Way add 11 feet to current spaces to designate 3 spaces  
8 Aunt Sukey Way add 6 feet to current spaces to designate 3 spaces**

*(Proposal by: Donna Cooper).*

Public Comments in Favor – None

Public in Opposition - Jackie Sperry, Katherine Russo, Nancy Rosso

Chairman Anderson read letter from Francis Coco into the record.

Team Recommendation: Team does not recommend, again logistically impossible. We made the existing changes at our 2010 Spring Traffic Hearing.

**Item - I. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team and not recommend I.***

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

**Item -J. Requesting "No Parking" on Commercial Street Year Round *(Proposal by: Herb Hintze).***

Team Recommendation: Team could support an area from Pearl Street to Winthrop Street, which would allow an easier snow removal operation and increase public safety and traffic circulation.

**Item - J. Board Action: *No action taken. Applicant had to leave before hearing this item.***

**Item -K. Install new or additional signage prohibiting overnight camping similar to signs used for long term RV permit parking. *(Proposal by: Jerome Smith/Winslow St Neighborhood Association ).***

Public Comments in Favor – None      Public in Opposition - None

Team Recommendation: Team recommends adding additional signage Prohibiting Overnight Camping.

**Item - K. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team.***

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

**Item -L Request that we paint yellow center lines down Jerome Smith the visual should deter drivers from speeding.  
Install additional yellow 20 mph speed limit signs in both directions equidistant to the existing signage.**

**Install 3-way Stop sign at the intersection of Jerome Smith and Winslow.  
Install electronic sign saying "your current speed is \_\_\_\_".  
Continue Police Monitoring and ticketing to reinforce current laws.**

***(Proposal by: Jerome Smith/Winslow St Neighborhood Association ).***

Public Comments in Favor – None    Public in Opposition - None

Team Recommendation: Team recommends in part. We will paint one solid yellow line on Jerome Smith Road, we will install additional yellow speed limit signs on Jerome Smith road both directions, we will keep up enforcement by electronic sign, police monitoring and ticketing. We do not recommend a three way stop in that area.

**Item - L. Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team.**

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

**Item -M. Street parking during the high season in the neighborhood of Bradford and Pleasant St. is difficult to find, delineate footage for individual parking spaces with yellow lines *(Proposal by: Gail Browne).***

Public Comments in Favor – None    Public in Opposition - None

Team Recommendation: Team does not recommend. The removal of these parking spaces were from a request in the 2010 Spring Traffic Hearing. Safety was the reason we removed those spaces.

**Item - M. Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team; and to add lines between the two spaces if possible.**

**Motion By: David Bedard    - Motion Withdrawn -**

**Item - M. Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team.**

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

**Item -N. To end confusion reverse the direction of High Pole Hill Road from Bradford St to the Monument Parking Lot. A walk way from Bradford St to the parking lot entrance would also be delineated. Through Traffic and parking lot exit would be via Winslow St as currently configured. Parking *(Proposal by: Chuck Silva, President of Monument Association).***

Public Comments in Favor - Fred Long , Chris Snow , Yvonne Cabral and Candy Collins-Boden

Public in Opposition - Pat Benatti, Mary DeRocca and Hank Janowsky

Team Recommendation: The Team recommends for the following reasons; Traffic flow not pushing people back onto Bradford Street, makes the monument an easier destination. The team also recommends that none of the above can happen without the recommended improvements by the Monument Association.

**Item - N. Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote not to approve at this time.**

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

**Item -O.** Request to move the designated parking space for the Trolley to the public bus parking near the comfort station across from MPL (*Proposal by: Judith Cicero*).

Public Comments in Favor – None

**Item - O.** Board Action: **MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to re-publish this proposal due to administrative error.*

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

**Item -P** To operate a motor vehicle tour with a permanent beginning and ending point out of the easterly side of Lopes Square with 3 potential options:

1. Easterly side of Lopes Square no parking zone from the crosswalk running along the sidewalk to the yellow line before Commercial St.
2. Easterly side of Lopes Square from the crosswalk running along the easterly side of the island toward Commercial St.
3. Easterly side of Lopes Square from the crosswalk running along the easterly side of the island toward the Town Pier.

*(Proposal by: Timothy Downey, Harbor Front Tours).*

Public Comments in Favor – None

Public in Opposition

Michelle Couture – Not in favor.

Yvonne Cabral - Not opposed but wants to know just what he is asking for?

Candice Collin-Boden - Opposed to any parking in Lopes Square. Parking in MPL where other buses park sounds more logical if it does not interfere with other traffic that uses this lot.

Nelson Vital - Owns Coffee Pot at Lopes Square – does not agree with using Lopes Square.

Leonard Enos – Opposed of the Lopes Square location but a good idea.

Chairman Anderson read letter from Chair of Disability Commission Michelle Crone.

Team Recommendation: Team does not recommend. This area is too congested with pier traffic, MPL Entrance Traffic and foot traffic.

**Item - P.** Board Action: **MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to agree with the team NOT to recommend.*

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

## **STAFF PROPOSALS**

**Item -Q.** To move on street parking along Prince St. from the south side of the street to the North side of the street and shift the travel way over. Prince St currently has 6 parking spaces (1 handicapped) shifting the parking would provide up to 12 parking spaces. These spaces should be marked “Resident Permit Parking Only”. (*Proposal by: David Gardner, Assistant Town Manager*).

Public Comments in Favor – Donald Morris. - Not for it or against, but has concerns that residents may not be aware of this proposed change, and more thought should be put into it.

Public in Opposition - Alex Brown – You might end up creating more problems there.

Chairman Anderson read letter into the record from Francis Coco.

Team Recommendation: Team Recommends shifting parking to the North side (church side) and increase Resident Only parking from 6 to 12 spaces.

**Item - Q. Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote NOT to approve this item.**

**Motion By: Austin Knight    Seconded by: David Bedard**  
**Yea 2 Nay 3 (Elaine Anderson / David McChesney / John Santos)**

**MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the team's recommendation and to remove the handicapped space.**

**Motion By: David McChesney    Seconded by: John Santos**  
**Yea 3 Nay 2 (David Bedard / Austin Knight)**

**##### 2012 Traffic Hearing #####**

- **This item was in the 2011 Spring Traffic Hearing. Vernon brought this to my attention and we have inserted so the Board of Selectmen can review as stated in the last motion to revisit in the 2011 Spring Traffic Hearing.**

Reviewing traffic hearing minutes from last year and notice the following:

**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 and 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 team's 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

**NOTE:** *The Board of Selectmen reviewed the above and took no action.*

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2. **OTHER - MassDEP 604b GRANT APPLICATION**

Shank Painter Pond / Watershed Drainage, Mitigation and Monitoring plan Project

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to submit a grant application to MassDEP on behalf of the Town of Provincetown Shank Painter Pond Watershed Drainage, Mitigation and Monitoring Plan Project in the amount of \$54,700.00*

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

Motion to adjourn by David Bedard at 9:50 PM.

**Minutes transcribed by:** Vernon G. Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen  
March 29, 2012

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Additional letters/email received  
read into the record  
by  
Chairman Elaine Anderson

**Vernon Porter**

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**To:** BOS  
**Cc:** Sharon,David,Pam  
**Subject:** FW: Resident parking only Center St.

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**From:** John Golden [mailto:paperguy2010@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2012 8:03 PM  
**To:** Vernon Porter; Elaine Anderson; David Bedard; Austin Knight; Francis J. Santos; David McChesney  
**Subject:** Resident parking only Center St.

Board of Selectmen:

Thank you, for looking into the issue of Resident Only parking on Center Street. As a resident of Center St. for twenty years I have seen many changes to parking on this street. These changes have all reduced parking here. In the past several years Center St. has become a favorite place for summer workers to leave their vehicles, for the season. Between Bradford St. and Commercial St. there are two very large spaces and one single space. Possibly 5 spaces total. If these were marked as separate spaces that would be helpful. But making Center St. "Resident Only" would reduce residents using Johnson St. parking or MPL. If someone comes here to work they can purchase a sticker. We have to and have to look for parking in other places.

Thank you for your time,

John Golden  
14 Center St  
Provincetown

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**MAR 13 2012**  
CC: BOS/TM/ATM

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**Sandy Turner**

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**From:** David Gardner  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2012 12:48 PM  
**To:** Domenic Rosati; Sandy Turner; Jeff Jaran  
**Cc:** Lynne Martin  
**Subject:** FW: Parking on Center Street

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**From:** Cheryl Napsha  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2012 12:42 PM  
**To:** Vernon Porter; Sharon Lynn; David Gardner  
**Subject:** Parking on Center Street

Hello,

I'm writing in response to the request by a resident to make Center Street permit parking only. Prior to the library's renovation, the 6 parking spaces (excluding the handicapped space) on the Center Street side of the library were designated as 1 hour parking. This effectively gave library patrons the opportunity to attend a program and/or borrow materials in a convenient manner.

Last summer the signs were taken down, and since then the spaces have been blocked by long-term visitors to town and/or local business owners, making library use inconvenient for residents. I'm requesting that the 1-hour limit be re-instated so that library patrons may benefit from the parking spaces.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl Napsha, Director  
Provincetown Public Library  
356 Commercial Street  
Provincetown, MA 02657  
508-487-7094

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To: Provincetown Board of Selectmen

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CC: BOS/TM/ATM

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the Traffic Hearing but would like to make known my views on the following proposals:

✓ Citizen Proposal (d): It would be an administrative nightmare if all the on-street parking spaces were designated only for residents of that particular street, so I am not in favor of this proposal.

✓ Citizen Proposal (i): I am not in favor of changing the parking spaces on Aunt Sukeys Way. According to State law, which is mentioned in the attached Driver's Manual, you can not park within 20 feet of an intersection or within 10 feet of a fire hydrant or fire lane, so this would preclude, and may even eliminate, more parking spaces.

✓ Staff Proposal (g): Moving the on street parking on Prince St. from the west side to the east side of the street would virtually destroy the line of vision for cars exiting the parking lot of St. Peter's Church

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(the only exit is on the east side  
of Prince St.), so I urge you  
to vote against this proposal  
in the interest of public safety.  
Thank you.

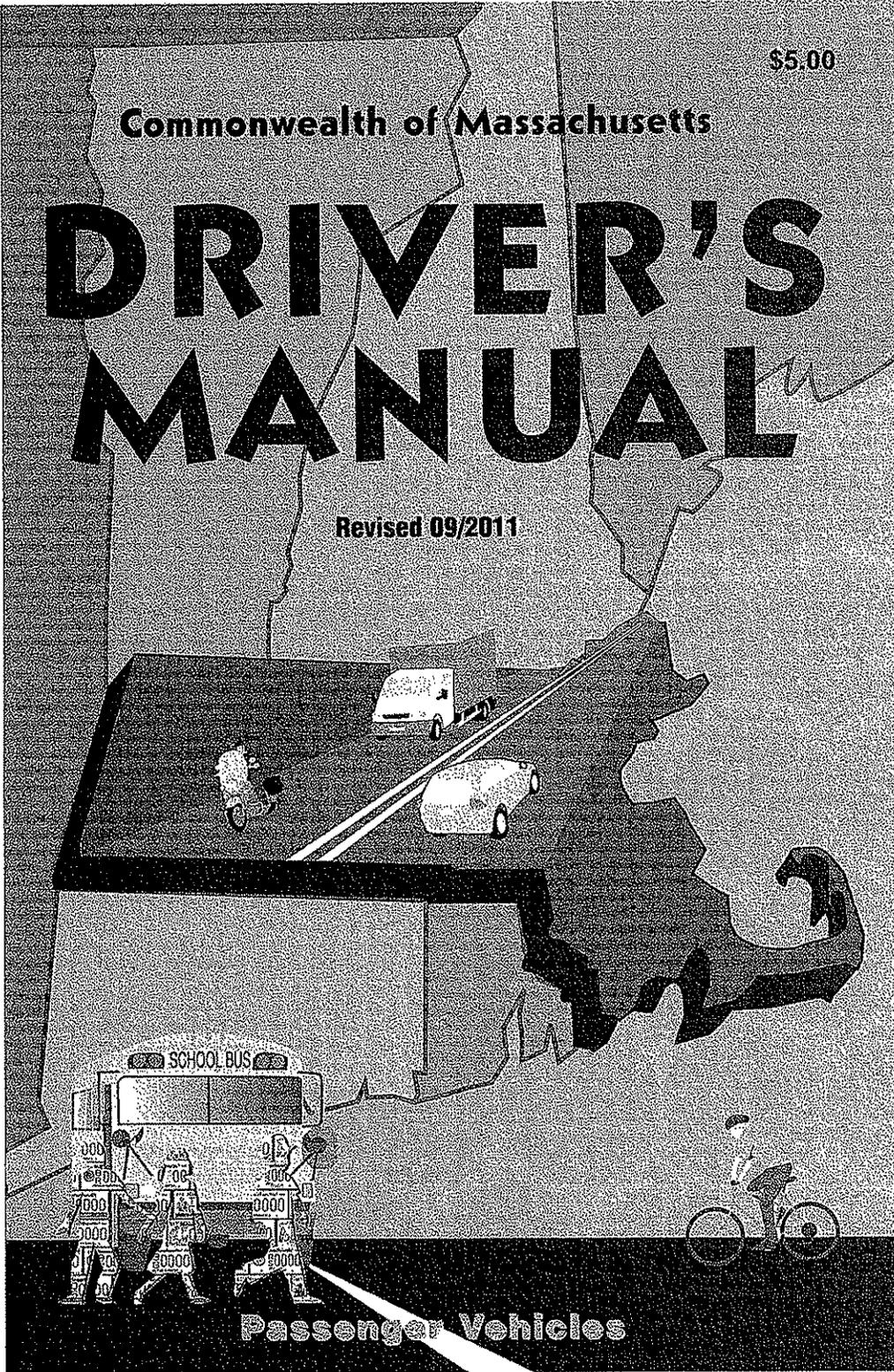
Sincerely,  
Frances M. Coco  
10 Aunt Sukey's Way  
Provincetown

\$5.00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# DRIVER'S MANUAL

Revised 09/2011



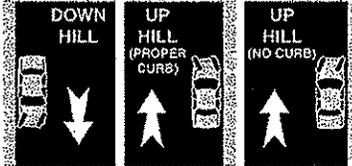
Passenger Vehicles

- When you are back far enough, straighten your wheels and pull forward. Make sure you keep enough space in front of and behind you so that other vehicles can get out.

### Parking on Hills

Always set your parking brake and leave your vehicle in gear when parking on a hill if you have a manual transmission. If you have an automatic transmission, set your parking brake and shift into park. You must turn your front wheels in the proper direction to stop it from rolling downhill if the brake fails.

- No Curb** — Turn your wheels *inward*, toward the edge of the road.
- Uphill Against a Curb** — Turn your wheels *outward*, toward the travel lane.
- Downhill Against a Curb** — Turn your wheels *inward*, toward the curb.



### Parking Regulations

Parking regulations are generally determined by state law. They are enforced by local cities and towns. If you park in a business or residential district, your vehicle must be no more than 12 inches from the curb. The only exception is if angled parking is allowed. Parking spaces are often marked by white road lines. You must park your vehicle between these lines. You may not take part of two spaces. In Massachusetts, you may *not* park your vehicle in certain places.

- In a zone posted with a NO PARKING, NO STANDING, or NO STOPPING sign
- In a bus stop (as of April 2009, the penalty for parking in a posted bus stop is \$100)
- In a taxi stand
- In a zone and at a time posted for street cleaning
- In a posted loading zone
- Within 20 feet of an intersection
  - In a crosswalk, in front of a driveway, or in front of a handicap-access ramp
- In a zone posted for HP-DV parking only (disabled person plates or placards, disabled veteran plates). The fine for a first offense is \$500.
- Within ten feet of a fire hydrant or fire lane
  - On a sidewalk, curb, center traffic island, or median
  - During a weather or roadway emergency
  - Facing the wrong way against traffic
  - On a state or an interstate highway, unless authorized
  - On the Massachusetts Turnpike (fines range from \$15 - \$100)
  - On a roadway in a rural area or outside a thickly settled district
  - In a traffic lane next to a row of parked vehicles ("double parked")
  - To make nonemergency repairs to your vehicle

You may get a citation with a fine for violating a parking regulation. The fines for most of the violations listed above are set by city or town ordinance and will vary depending on the city or town. Unpaid parking tickets can stop you from renewing your license or vehicle registration.



See Appendix E for color images of these signs.

### Parking Meters

Many public parking spaces are operated by coin-fed meters. Rules and time limits usually apply during posted days and hours.

If you park longer than allowed or fail to pay the meter fee, you may be issued a parking citation.

### Parking Permits

Many cities and towns give special parking permits to residents. Certain streets have **RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING ONLY** signs. If you do not have a permit or a special visitor's placard, you may not park there. Contact your local city or town to find out how to get a permit.

## Miscellaneous Rules of the Road

Listed below are laws that have not yet been covered. It is illegal to...

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- Drag race
- Throw garbage or glass onto a roadway or onto public or private land
- Throw lighted cigarettes or anything that can cause a fire near a forest or open field
- Bypass or cut out a motor vehicle's muffler system

You must return used motor oil, transmission fluid, and other hazardous materials to the place you bought them. The garage or store that sold it to you is responsible for disposing of it.

## Rules for Pedestrians



See Appendix E for color images of these signs.

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**Vernon Porter**

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**From:** Domenic Rosati  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2012 3:06 PM  
**To:** Vernon Porter  
**Subject:** FW: MPL Lot

Hi Vernon, do I want to print this out or submit it to the traffic hearing for tomorrow?

Domenic

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**From:** Paul Breen [mailto:pbreen@neinsure.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2012 1:11 PM  
**To:** Domenic Rosati  
**Cc:** 'Susan Parker'  
**Subject:** MPL Lot

Hello I saw in the banner That there is a proposal for tomorrow nights meeting to limit resident parking to 3 hours in the high season. My office is at Whalers Wharf and I leave several times a day to meet clients. The parking restriction would have a negative effect on my ability to do business in town. I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow but was hoping that you could use my e mail to voice my opposition to the proposed changes.

Thank you

R. Paul Breen  
Metro West Insurance Agency  
Northeast Insurance Agency

10 Snows Lane  
Provincetown, Ma 02657

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# RequestTracker **General Concern**

Regarding Article 6-3-3 Parking Permit time limit 1-b. How are people who live or work downtown supposed to be able to afford this added expense. This is the most greed driven proposal I have ever witnessed in the 19 years I have lived here. UNBELIEVABLE! sign me, James K. Stinson

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State:\* MA

Zip Code: 02657

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First Name:\* James

Last Name:\* Stinson

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To: BOS; Sharon,David,Pam

Subject: FW: Limitation to Residents Summer use of Municipal Parking Lot

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**From:** KEITH [mailto:keith02657@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2012 6:08 PM**To:** David McChesney; Austin Knight; Francis J. Santos; David Bedard; Vernon Porter; Elaine Anderson**Subject:** Limitation to Residents Summer use of Municipal Parking Lot

I write to you in regards to the Parking Departments proposal to limit the use of the Municipal Parking Lot (MPL) to resident and non-resident permit holders to three (3) hours, after which time the prevailing rate of \$3.00 per hour would be charged.

I appeal to you, please consider how this really effects me as a worker in the area between Ryder Street and Standish Street. I purchase a resident sticker for the convenience of parking at the MPL when the weather is inclement and walking or riding my bike is not an option. I am at my place of employment for at least eight(8) sometimes ten(10) hours a day. I would be paying anywhere from \$15.00 to \$21.00 each day above what Ive already paid for my parking permit. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day in 2011 we had about 15 days of rain. I did not use the parking lot all of those days but I know I used it at least 5 times if not more during that period because of the weather. By placing this limitation on my permit my income is severely decreased because of my need to park closer to my place of employment.

By purchasing the parking permit I look forward to not having to arrive to work wet or walk home in pouring rain. I also look forward to the opportunity, when I have a day off, as a resident of the town the ability to park close to the pier and use Flyers Shuttle to Long Point. This gives me the opportunity to carry more then just a back pack and enjoy a well deserved, full day off at the beach. Keeping in mind that there is very little parking at Flyers. Add to my expenses an additional fee of \$20.00 for a day at the beach.

Parking can be very hard during the season and as any good town resident knows a car is not always needed. But as a resident and worker I have enjoyed the convenience of the MPL and do not agree with the limitations proposed. It was my understanding the new meters installed were a boost to the parking revenue. There are a number of other meters that can and should be replaced with the new system. The parking department might also consider changing the 48 hour maximum time limit in the to 24 hours in the Municipal Parking Lot.

My good selectmen, there are other options for the parking department. I see that the parking lots and meters have deposited "nearly \$1.5 million a year in the town parking

fund". Please do not vote yes on this proposal and penalize me, my fellow workers and the community as we try to make our living here in Provincetown.

A concerned citizen,

Keith B. Labasbas  
20 Winthrop Street  
Provincetown, MA

**Vernon Porter**

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**From:** Vernon Porter  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2012 11:42 AM  
**To:** David Gardner; Pam Hudson; Sharon Lynn  
**Subject:** FW: Parking

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Andert [mailto:john@johnandert.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 10:58 AM  
To: Vernon Porter; Elaine Anderson; David Bedard; fsantos@provincetow-ma.gov; Austin Knight; David McChesney  
Subject: Parking

Hello,

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend your meeting tonight regarding parking in Provincetown. I would, however, I like to urge you NOT to limit resident and non-resident parking in the MacMillan lot during the summer or at anytime. I don't use the MacMillan lot much myself, but I do think this would pose a real difficulty for people who live in work downtown. Not only does this seem unfair to those who have purchased resident and non-resident permits, I think it would also create many more problems than it would solve. Foremost of which would be placing even more stress on other municipal lots and on street parking. In the case of non-resident permits, it would almost negate the whole point of buying a permit in the first place. Please reject the proposed limit of resident and non-resident parking in the MacMillan lot.

As for parking in general, I understand that it is an important source of revenue for the town. I do, however, hope that the town approaches any parking policies - Brewster St., Prince St, etc - firstly with an eye to the flow, comfort and quality of life of those living and working in Provincetown and secondly as an income source.

Lastly, I'd like to suggest that there be a periodic review of 'no parking' zones through Provincetown. We probably do this already, but if not, I'd encourage us to start now. My anecdotal observation is that "no parking" spaces are sometimes created and remain in effect long past their usefulness (particularly along Bradford in the East End). Very often it seems like we could add a space here and there without any detriment to the neighborhood or traffic flow.

Thanks so much for all your hard work!

Sincerely,  
John Andert  
12 Standish St. #1

**Vernon Porter**

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**From:** Donna Smart [capecod121560@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2012 5:56 PM

**To:** Vernon Porter

**Subject:** regarding Parking Change....owner

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a retailer store owner in Provincetown , Ma the name of my store is Atlantic Accents. I was just notified of the upcoming meeting that you will be voting on changing the parking rules and limiting it to 3 hours. There are days where I work a 14 hr shift. Am I expected to close my store and move my car to wherever the committee expects us to park ? It's a long day and I can tell you that the last thing I want to do at 10:00 pm is walk a long way after a 14 hr shift...

I urge you all to reconsider this proposal ..

Donna Smart ~ Atlantic Accents 307 Commercial St , Provincetown. MA 02657

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But you can be immature for the rest of your life ...

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To: BOS  
Cc: Sharon,David,Pam  
Subject: FW: Spring Traffic Hearing: March 13th

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From: Provincetown Graphics [mailto:print@provincetowngraphics.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 8:46 PM  
To: Vernon Porter; Elaine Anderson; David Bedard; Francis J. Santos; Austin Knight; David McChesney  
Subject: Spring Traffic Hearing: March 13th

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to openly oppose the restriction of resident parking permits to 3 hours at MacMillan Pier or any other parking lot within Provincetown. I own and operate the printing & copy center located at Whalers Wharf in Provincetown. I feel that this proposal is downright ridiculous considering that we already pay fees for that parking privilege while many communities (even the City of Boston) do not charge for parking permits. I'd like to reference City of Boston Resident Parking Regulations: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/parking/residentparking>

Since I moved my business here I've learned how "unfriendly" the Town of Provincetown is in general to small businesses. This is not an easy community to do business in and it's very expensive to live here; making it difficult (sometimes impossible) to maintain a year-round workforce. Add insult to injury; the Town of Provincetown's Tourism Office competes directly with our business for the local color poster printing projects on a regular basis.

The idea that the Town of Provincetown now wants to penalize those of us who need to park throughout the day in a centrally located spot in town really upsets me. Many of my neighbors at Whalers Wharf also use the municipal lots as a means to have their vehicle close at hand while conducting day-to-day business and making a living.

We pay excise tax on our vehicles already to the Town of Provincetown. We pay property taxes and local fees to the Town of Provincetown to live here, fees to do business, and we pay additional fees to the town for the parking permit already.

Does it really seem like an intelligent decision to add to the fees or impose restrictions on a system we're already contributing towards, simple to try to maximize on more day visitor dollars?

I certainly don't think so and I think implementing such a restriction or additional fees will ultimately contribute to additional vacancies on Commercial Street. We've already made huge investments in an effort to do business in this town. There's going to become a point at which it's just not worth doing business here.

Jonathan Santy  
Owner

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**To:** BOS; Sharon, David, Pam  
**Cc:** Domenic Rosati; Jeff Jaran (jjaran@provincetown-ma.gov); Sandy Turner (sturner@provincetown-ma.gov)  
**Subject:** FW: Parking Fees at MacMillan Pier

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**From:** Marcey Oil [mailto:marceyoil@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 12:08 PM  
**To:** vporter@provincetown-mass.gov  
**Subject:** Parking Fees at MacMillan Pier

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To whom it may concern,

It is my understanding there will be a Board of Selectmen's hearing tonight which will address a potential increase in fees for parking in the lot at MacMillan Pier. I am unable to attend the meeting, so I will appreciate if this email may be read at tonight's meeting in my absence. Thank you in advance for forwarding this message to the appropriate person/office.

I am a year-round resident and operate a local year-round business in town. I also rent a dock space at MacMillan Pier and run a seasonal charter business. The proposed changes to parking fees at the MacMillan Pier will present an undue burden on residents, like myself, who park frequently for business and recreation on the pier. In the past, my commercial town sticker, at a cost of \$140, covered all parking in town, including the pier lot. The proposed increase is 964% over last year's rate. This is unheard of and is an unreasonable burden for the people trying to earn a living in Provincetown. Asking for the astronomical increase in parking fees from the very people who rely on it the most, who also happen to be the year-round locals, business owners and work-force who keep this town going through the off season, is just wrong.

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Sincerely,  
Jon Salvador

**Vernon Porter**

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**To:** BOS

**Subject:** FW: Resident Parking Restrictions in Lots.

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**From:** John Golden [mailto:paperguy2010@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2012 8:32 PM

**To:** Vernon Porter; Elaine Anderson; David Bedard; Francis J. Santos; Austin Knight; David McChesney

**Subject:** Resident Parking Restrictions in Lots.

Board of Selectmen:

I am writing about restricting residents use of of parking lots in Provincetown. If all street parking was restricted to "Resident Only" it would ease up some of the parking issue. It would bring in more revenue from Non Residents who find street parking and keep their vehicles for the duration of their stay. We who purchase permits, are subsidizing visitors, who use on street parking, and don't use town pay lots. This seems to make more business sense. Visitors from other places have the same parking situations. ie. permit restrictions etc. So having " Resident Only" should not deter them from visiting. We who pay for permits should be able to use the lots as needed.

Thank you for your time,

John Golden  
14 Center St  
Provincetown

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**From:** Regina Binder [rbinder@thebindergroup.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 3:48 PM  
**To:** David McChesney; Austin Knight; Francis J. Santos; David Bedard  
**Cc:** Vernon Porter; Pam Hudson  
**Subject:** to the members of the BOS and FinCom - Parking Hearing

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CC: BOS/TM/ATM  
Elaine Anderson

Hello,

Please accept this email as a public statement for tonight's hearing, I am unavoidably detained and can't attend the meeting. Thank you so much.

Dear members of FinCom and Selectmen

I am writing to strenuously object to the proposal from town officials limiting people with town-issued resident and non-resident parking permits to use the MPL for not more than three hours per day from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day with the provision that anyone exceeding the three hours would be charged at the prevailing rate of \$3 per hour. It really feels like just another smack in the face of the resident population and should not be considered a viable proposal.

As residents, we have been continuously marginalized and made to feel less important than those who visit or vacation here. Whilst I understand we are a tourist economy, the fact is that without a resident population (and preferably a happy resident population) there would be no one to serve visitors nor would there be any community to visit. As residents who also work in town, we spend the money we earn here. Research confirms that a dollar made in town circulates 10 times, a dollar brought here circulates twice, this is a basic rule of economic sustainability.

My objections to the MPL proposal are as follows:

1. Many service workers depend on the parking at MPL to work downtown either for full time or part time jobs. No shifts are 3 hours so these people would have to pay for parking, employers and employees both would suffer.
2. Many residents use the MPL when traveling to Boston for the day on the fast ferry, many use it to access the pier and related businesses. These excursions are generally longer than 3 hours.
3. Finally, for those of us who live on commercial street, there is often no alternative to parking in the MPL. Weekly renters and visitors take parking places on the east end of commercial street requiring those of us who live in the east end to park in the MPL or at meters (from which the town gets no revenue presently.) Making Commercial Street resident only parking would reduce this problem because those who are visiting wouldn't be able to leave their cars on the street for the week at no cost, they would be forced into the lot where they would have to pay for parking.

Respectfully,  
Regina Binder

**Vernon Porter**

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**From:** T. Kim Cromwell [tkimberlie@me.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 3:31 PM  
**To:** Vernon Porter; Elaine Anderson; David Bedard; Francis J. Santos; Austin Knight; David McChesney  
**Subject:** Input regarding restricted parking

To the Board of Selectmen,

We believe that restricting parking in the MPL to three hours for resident and non-resident parking sticker owners is not a good idea.

In our opinion, such limitations are too restrictive. We would understand a limit of 24-hours, or even 12 hours, but three hours would be far too limiting for workers and residents alike.

Thank you for taking our feedback into consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Cromwell and Kath Cote  
19 Commercial Street

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**From:** Carla Anderson [captaincarlalives@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 5:21 PM  
**To:** Vernon Porter; Elaine Anderson; David Bedard; Francis J. Santos; Austin Knight; David McChesney  
**Subject:** oppose to MPL changes

I would like to go on record as a resident being opposed to the proposed further limitation of the MPL parking lot by autos with seasonal parking stickers.  
Please do not support this proposal. It will cause hardship for me personally, and several other residents I know.

Thank you~  
Carla Anderson  
POB 1476  
Provincetown, MA  
508-360-2736

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March 13, 2012

**Re: Proposed change in use of Town of Provincetown municipal parking lot(s).**

Dear Provincetown Board of Selectman,

Unfortunately, we can not attend the meeting of the Board of Selectman, scheduled for 6:00p.m. this evening. We would however, like to state for the record that as year round resident homeowners and taxpayers, we are opposed to any time restrictions and or limitations of any and all municipal town parking lots. Given that town residents are already required to purchase a town parking sticker on a yearly basis, we feel we have a right to park in these lots without being limited with constraints. If it is increased revenue you seek, we suggest you consider taking back the lost parking spaces that were given to the high school, abolishing all allotted town employee parking spaces and charging more for non residents and those who have no parking sticker upon their automobile(s).

Sincerely,



Robert A. Jason

29 Conwell Street

Provincetown, MA. 02657



Russell L. Sours

10 Seashore Park Drive, Unit HH

Provincetown, MA. 02657