

ATTENDEES:Elizabeth Steele-Jeffers, Jane Antolini, Mary-Jo Avellar Dr. Cheryl Andrews

ABSENT David Atkinson

PROVINCETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1999 ANNUAL SPRING TRAFFIC HEARING

MARCH 17, 1999 - JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM - 7:00 PM

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The Board of Selectmen will conduct its 1999 Annual Spring Traffic Hearing on *Wednesday, March 17, 1999* at 7 PM in the Judge Welsh Hearing- Room at Town Hall, to hear the merits of the following traffic proposals submitted to the Selectmen. At the direction of the Town Manager, the Transportation Team, comprised of the Chief of Police, Parking Administrator, Director of Public Works and DPW Director of Operations, met on March 4, 1999 and offers the following Team Recommendations.

1. To eliminate two to three parking spaces in front of #4 Pearl Street.

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: Recommend eliminating two spaces across from the North end of the building at 4 Pearl Street. Two legal spaces will remain- The street curves at this point creating a constriction. (Pictures attached.)

BOARD ACTION: MOTION: Restrict trucks on Pearl and last spot for compact cars. Motion made by Jane Antolini 2nd M-J Avellar Yea 4 Nea-0

2. To extend the curb and brick sidewalk four feet (4') into Commercial Street across the street from the Post Office in order to create a visual as well as a physical barrier for a new "NO PARKING ZONE on a year-round basis. (Submitted by Thomas J. Graham)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION Recommend approval of a 4' extension of the brick sidewalk into Commercial Street across from the Post Office in order to create a visual as well as physical barrier for the NO PARKING zone. This is a very busy spot and the present Tow Zone area across from the Post Office has been extremely difficult to enforce. The Postmaster assures us that the mail delivery trucks will be able to make the turn out of the Post Office driveway.

BOARD ACTION: MOTION by Jane Antolini: Temp Barrier MOTION seconded by Cheryl Andrews
Yea 4 Nea 0.

3. Add another handicapped parking space on Commercial Street between Atlantic Avenue and Franklin Street. (Submitted by Lynne E. Carter)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: Team recommends no. A new handicapped space was added in this area last year, on Commercial Street between Atlantic Avenue and Conant Street. Also, there is a handicapped space on Montello Street. between Bradford Street and Commercial Street.

BOARD ACTION: MOTION by Jane Antolini: Move Handicap spot farther to west end. Seconded by Mary-Jo_Avellar Yea_4 Nea 0.

4. To designate one way to enter southern side of Winthrop Street from Commercial Street to Bradford Street. (Submitted by Mary B. Martinez)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: Team recommends no. Making Winthrop St. one way going from Commercial St. to Bradford St. would disrupt traffic flow on adjacent Streets and cause more congestion on Commercial St. While there is some restricted visibility at the intersection of Winthrop St. and Bradford St., there are corner parking restrictions on either side-, and this intersection is no worse than most of the streets intersecting with Bradford St. (Pictures attached.)

BOARD ACTION: Accept Staff Recommendation Motion made by: Cheryl Andrews_Seconded by: Jane Antolini Yea 4 Area 0

5. To designate parking for one car only in front of 17 Conant Street- Extend yellow line four feet away from driveway. (Submitted by Brian Acres)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval. There is not enough room for two cars at this address. Recommend the driveway restrictions on either side of 17 Conant Street be extended by 3 feet to clearly designate one space only. (Picture attached.)

BOARD ACTION: Accept Staff Recommendation. Motion made by Cheryl Andrews Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 4 Area 0

6. To designate Standish Street one-way from Cemetery Rd. to Bradford Street and speed bumps to slow traffic down. (Submitted by Mindy Bransky)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: The Team does not recommend making Standish St. one-way from Cemetery St. to Bradford St. This would disrupt traffic flow in the area and make the last block of Alden Street inaccessible from Bradford St. Signs prohibiting trucks and buses are already in place, but because of the configuration of the intersection at Standish St. & Bradford St. (the road is only 22' wide here) the signs are set back onto Standish St. Recommend placing bigger, more visible "Trucks & Buses Excluded" signs, located as close to the intersection as feasible. Do not recommend speed bumps, Standish is a "Snow Emergency" St. and "Slow-Children" signs are already in- place. (Pictures and Town map attached)

BOARD ACTION: Staff recommendation one way as is - send rest back

Staff for research. Bring back a report to BOS in 2 weeks.

Motion made by Jane Antolini Seconded by Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 4 Nea 0

7. To designate High Pole Hill Road as one-way to enter from Bradford Street- Exit from the Monument to upper Winslow to Jerome Smith- Left to leave Town, Rt. 6 or right to Alden St. and center of Town. (Submitted by Barbara Rushmore)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: Team recommends no, This proposal was turned down at last year's hearing. Would result in increased traffic congestion at Bradford St. Alden St. and High Pole. (Alden and Highpole merge at Bradford) Present Winslow St. entrance avoids this congestion. (Picture attached.)

BOARD ACTION: Accept Staff Recommendation. Motion by: Jane Antolini Seconded by Cheryl Andrews. Yea 4 Nea 0

8. Nelson Avenue & Race Point Rd. intersection. (8-1) Signal/Signage for Nelson Avenue traffic and arrange 43 Race Point Rd. entrance as to not conflict with Nelson Ave, (8-2) Detail Police Officer for trail rides. (Submitted by Miriam Collinson)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: (8-1) Recommend installing a Stop Sign at the intersection of Nelson Avenue & Race Point Road. We recommend against changing the entrance to 43 Race Point Road. The intersection at Nelson Avenue and Race Point Road is one of the widest in Town with Good visibility in both directions. The entrance to 43 Race Point Road, while in close proximity, does not restrict Nelson Avenue. Again, good visibility from both. (8-2) Team recommends no. Supervision of trail rides is the responsibility of the stable in its licensing agreement with the Town and a police detail is not needed. (Pictures attached.)

BOARD ACTION: Accept Staff Recommendation. Address Race Pt Rd. with State by letter through the Chief. Motion by Jane_Antolini Seconded by Cheryl Andrews

Yea 4 Nea 0

2. Accepted Staff Recommendation. Motion: Cheryl Andrews Seconded by: Jane Antolini YEA
4 Nea 0

9- 13. Nelson Avenue Traffic Issue (9-1) To designate NO PARKING on Steams Avenue & Nelson Avenue and enforcement of violators. (Submitted by Francis Peters)

(10- 1) Stop Signs for Nelson Ave. area. (Submitted by Robert Henrique)

(11- 1 & 12-1) To Designate NO PARKING on Nelson Avenue Roadway. (Submitted by Eugene Peters & Deborah & Walter Gonsalves)

(13- 1) To designate signage for NO PARKING on Nelson Ave. Roadway & Painting of yellow lines on all driveways. (Submitted by Martha Henrique)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION (9-1 through 13-1) Team does not recommend creating a NO PARKING zone for Nelson Avenue & Steams Avenue.

1. Recommend a Stop Sign at the intersection of Stearns Ave. and Nelson Ave.
2. Recommend corner and driveway, no parking restrictions. This should eliminate bottlenecks, which occur mainly on comers- (Picture attached.)

BOARD ACTION: Accept Staff Recommendation. Motion by Jane Antolini Seconded by Cheryl Andrews
Yea 4 Nea 0

14. & 15. Reduce employee parking from the Ryder St. parking lot to provide additional spaces dedicated to town Hall use and additional Town Hall Parking spaces along Ryder Street. and to assert public parking rights in and to all spaces in Ryder Street Parking Lot now unlawfully (according to proposer) dedicated to "private parking access". (Submitted by Christopher J. Snow)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION (14.) Presently there are three spaces on Bradford Street reserved for Town Hall Business. The Board would have to determine whether or not this is an adequate number. These spaces are intended for citizens and Town employees who need to conduct temporary business at Town Hall. People who work at Town Hall should not use them. The Ryder Street Lot has 7 spaces reserved for Town Hall employees and 6 Resident Permit, 3-hour limit spaces. These "3-hour" spaces are for residents to conduct short-term business in the down town area or at Town Hall. The Team does not recommend creating spaces on Ryder Street- these are the top revenue generating meter spaces in Town.

(15.) Team recommends no. We have researched deeds through the Assessors office and cannot find any easements for the three driveways that enter the Ryder Street Lot. A similar request was denied in 1996. Passage of this proposal could result in a claim of easement by adverse possession or easement by prescription from the abutting property owners who, evidence suggests, have had access to their properties across this lot for over twenty years.

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(Mary-Jo Avellar not present for vote on item #14) 14. & 15. **BOARD ACTION:** Item 14: Motion: 2 Metered spots on Ryder or back of Town Hall /*Business only 8-5 M-F. Motion by Jane Antolini Seconded by: Cheryl Andrews. YEA 3 No 0 Item 15: Accept Staff Recommendation Motion by Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by Cheryl Andrews Yea 4 Nea 0 (* 1/2 hour limit)

16. Retain two 15 minute library spaces in front of Land's end and designate one handicapped space and one 15 minute library space on Commercial St. (Submitted by Maghi Geary, et al)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION Recommend approval of one new space only, due to the fire hydrant on the corner of Freeman Street and the narrowing of Commercial Street beyond the library. The two new 15 minute- Library spaces were created last year in front of Land's End, because of these restrictions in front of the Library. The Library can choose between a temporary or Handicapped space. (Pictures attached.)

BOARD ACTION: Deny -staff -Recommendation - Motion by Cheryl Andrews Seconded by Jane Antolini Yea 4 Nea 0

17. To designate Priscilla Alden Rd. as Resident-Only Parking by Town Sticker and proper signage installed. (Submitted by David Atkinson)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION The Team recommends approval as proposed for Resident Permit and Non Resident Property Owner Permit holders. Priscilla Alden Street meets the recommended criteria established by the Team-. 1. It is a primarily residential street. 2. More than 6 spaces will be created. Priscilla Alden Rd. is 35 feet wide, the paved surface is 22 feet. Therefore, it appears that cars parked off the paved surface on the right hand side are still on Town property and can be regulated. (Picture and Town map attached.)

BOARD ACTION: Jane Antolini Steps Down. Motion: Accept Staff Yea Recommendation Motion by Cheryl Andrews Seconded by Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 3 Nea 0

18. To change the MPL Lot fee structure as follows: 1. \$2.00 per hour up to a maximum of \$20 per day. (Submitted by Don Richards, Parking Administrator.)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval. Last year's increase at the MPL to \$2.00 per hour for the first 6 hours generated an increase of \$172,300 in tax reducing revenues. The drop to \$1.50 per hour after 6 hours to a maximum of \$20.00 per day, effects relatively few cars and is often a cause for confusion and complaints. Going to \$2.00 per hour to maximum of \$20.00 per day will generate additional revenues and simplify the rate structure at the MPL

BOARD ACTION: Motion: Accept Recommendation of Staff. Motion by Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by Cheryl Andrews Yea 4 Nea 0

19. To change the Grace Hall Lot fee structure as follows: 1. \$1. 50 per hour up to maximum of \$10 dollars per day. (Submitted by Don Richards. Parking Administrator)

TEAM RECOMMENDATION Recommend approval. Last year the \$.50 per hour increase at the MPL resulted in a 24.3% increase in revenues at the MPL. A similar percentage increase at Grace Hall will more than recoup the \$40,000 per season lost at this lot since the inception of the Grace Hall Only Seasonal permit.

BOARD ACTION: Accept Staff Recommendation Motion by Mary-jo Avellar Seconded by Cheryl Andrews Yea 4
Nea 0

20. (1.) To create a Non Resident Jerome Smith Lot only permit for \$75 per season. (2.) To create a Non Resident Jerome Smith Lot only weekly permit for \$35 per week. Weekly permits to be obtained in the Parking Office for cars and campers. This addresses the shortage of parking available to short term weekly renters. (3.) To increase the Non Resident Grace Hall Only permit to \$ 150 per season, to add incentive to utilize the Jerome Smith Lot at \$75 per season, (4.) Recommend minimal lot upgrades at an estimated cost of \$22,350 as suitable for the proposed use of the Jerome Smith Lot.

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval with 2 amendments if funds for lot upgrade are available. Amendment 1. Create 12 metered spaces for short-term camper parking. (Six double meters are in stock and available for this purpose.) Amendment 2. Increase the estimated cost for minimal lot upgrade by \$4,350 to \$26,700. The increase cost is due to a recommendation by the DPW Director that we use 6" of T base to upgrade the lot surface. The Transportation Team was assigned the goal of recommending ways to increase the parking supply and generate additional parking revenues. The Jerome Smith lot is underutilized. 1. The Jerome Smith Only Seasonal permit creates a win-win situation, by creating a low cost seasonal alternative to the Grace Hall Lot. Thus, freeing up more short-term, higher revenue spaces to help recapture some of the lost Grace Hall revenues.

It also provides low cost parking for those displaced by neighborhood zones.

2. The \$35 weekly permit addresses a shortage of parking for weekly renters and makes use of an area that presently does not generate parking revenue. 3. If upgrade funds are not available, recommend that this be a Capital Improvement Plan project for FY2001.

Because only one new resident parking street has been proposed, the immediate need to increase parking is less than anticipated.

BOARD ACTION: MOTION Short term parking for campers. Put Meters back - charge campers Motion by Cheryl Andrews Seconded by Mary-Jo Avellar. Yea 4 Nea 0

Board Action dictated by: Elizabeth Steele-Jeffers, Chairman BOS

Board Action transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary BOS

March 30, 1999