

**Parking & Traffic Committee
Meeting Minutes of
October 29, 2019**

Members present:

Name	Representation Area
Betsy DiCapua	Facilitator
Richard Trachimowicz	Drakes Island
Lorraine Cullen	Webhannet Dr.
David MacKenzie	Wells Beach
Elaine Talevi	Campground
Mr. Wagner	Moody Beach
Jacqueline Carter	Route 1 Business/Brewed Awakenings
Richard Clark	West of Turnpike
Randy Dunton	Traffic Engineer/Gorrill Palmer
Karl Ekstedt	Selectmen Liaison
Jonathan Carter	Town Manager
Mike Livingston	Town Engineer/Planner
Gerald Congdon	Lieutenant/Police Dept.
Marianne Goodine	Meeting Recorder

Purpose of this meeting is to apply previous ideas to the parking and traffic flow plan. Randy Dunton of Gorrill Palmer, reviewed his preliminary traffic assessment of Wells Beaches and surrounding roadway network. He used existing ordinance to prepare drawings for suggested parking spaces and traffic flow.

Drakes Island Road (Fig. 1): More people can fit on beach vs. parking spaces. There are limited parking spaces vs. beach capacity. Estimated space per person is 70 sq. ft. pp. Spaces required to meet beach capacity is 1,250 at high tide, and 4,400 at low tide. There are 8 spaces in parking area at end of D.I. Road, which include 2 handicapped spaces. Do not want drop off's in this area!

Drakes Island Jetty Lot (Fig 2A): Proposed parking spaces are 102. Spaces are 16 to 18.5 ft. in length. There are two designated drop off areas. It was suggested to eliminate drop off areas to prevent traffic congestion in lot. There was discussion on paving the lot vs. other options. Need to check parking dimension requirements in ordinance for possible amendment for Board of Selectmen review. Also need to check with DEP regarding paving next to water. Group reviewed Figures 2A and 2B configurations and agreed on Figure 2A. Keeping both drop-off areas, and adding handicapped spaces at the drop off area closest to beach.

Gross Lot (Fig 3): Proposed spaces in this lot are 156. There is a wet area in the right side of entrance to lot. Suggestion to add a drop-off area at beginning of lot. Larger spaces should be added to further end of lot for larger vehicle parking, i.e., RV's, vans, etc. Question on whether

to pave lot or use other surface materials. There was a suggestion to add an electronic sign for displaying High Tide and Low Tide information.

Harbor Park (Fig 4A): Do not want any marked parking spaces around Harbor Park. Keep it the way it is. Add more handicapped spaces at the Overlook Deck/Harbor Beach parking area.

Riverside Drive (Fig 5): There is no designated drop-off area on Atlantic Ave. Vehicles are parking in the middle of the road blocking and backing up traffic. People use driveways and lawns for drop offs. Change Riverside Drive to one way to improve traffic flow in that area. Enter at left end and exit at right end by triangle. Need to change ordinance for police enforcement. Do not want to encourage drop offs and need strategy to prevent it. Need to look at vehicles parking over property lines and on side of roadway encroaching into paved roadway.

Gold Ribbon Drive (Fig 10A): This is public parking lot used by homeowners and public which includes overnight parking along Gold Ribbon Drive. Portable toilets are located at beach end of lot. There is a change of elevation from Webhannet Drive to Gold Ribbon Drive making exit from that lot difficult. Randy to review entrances and points of elevation.

Webhannet Drive: Public and homeowners along the seawall did not like the proposed 2 hr. parking. There is overnight parking there and homeowners use it for parking their vehicles overnight. Traffic flow is very tight when vehicles are parked along the seawall. Parked vehicles make it difficult for homeowners backing vehicles out of their driveways. There may be room at corner near Lobster Pound for additional parking spaces. Randy to evaluate road and determine safe spots for vehicle parking in that area along the seawall.

Casino Square (Fig. 11): Need to keep traffic flowing around the lot. Create a designated marked spot for trolley parking. Shorten crosswalks. Need area for drop offs near stairs. Add more handicapped spaces. Add “No U Turn” sign at beginning of entrance to the square. RV’s can’t get around corner and can park in Eastern Shore lot.

Eastern Shore Parking Lot: Need to review parking and more delineation of spaces for mooring holder parking.

Bourne Avenue: Need signage to encourage people to go to/use Ogunquit parking lot.

Other: Committee needs to address issue of construction vehicles and parking restrictions during the summer season. Also look at possible restrictions on construction during summer months in beach areas.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy DiCapua, Facilitator

Marianne Goodine, Meeting Recorder