

**Parking & Traffic Committee  
Meeting Minutes of  
January 14, 2020**

Members present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representation Area</b>
Betsy DiCapua	Facilitator
Richard Clark	West of Turnpike
Randy Dunton	Traffic Engineer/Gorrill Palmer
Karl Ekstedt	Selectman
Jonathan Carter	Town Manager
Mike Livingston	Town Engineer/Planner
Jodie Sanborn	Finance Director
Gerald Congdon	Captain/Police Dept.
Sally Stewart	Parking Enforcement
Elaine Talevi	Campground
Jackie Carter	Route 1 Business/Brewed Awakenings
Rick Trachimowicz	Drakes Island
Katie Kelly	Wells Beach/Lafayette
David MacKenzie	Wells Beach
Linda Wagner	Moody Beach
Marianne Goodine	Meeting Recorder

Jodie Sanborn, Finance Director, reviewed fee structure, history and projections of Beach Revenues. In 2015, Mile Rd and Crescent Beach were \$2.50/hr. Other lots (Drakes Island-Jetty & Gross Lot, Eastern Shore) in season rates were \$16/day; \$8/half-day. In 2016, Hourly rate changed to \$3.00/hr.; in-season all day parking \$20; and half-day rate \$12. In 2019, rate was switched to \$3.00/hr. all day in all lots. The proposed hourly rate for 2020 season is \$4.00/hr. for all lots. Committee consensus is to go with increasing 2020 hourly rate from \$3 to \$4/hr.

A comparison of surrounding town beach parking information was discussed. Hours of operation vary from 6am to 11pm, or 8am to 10pm. Hours of operation in the Wells lots have been 8am to 5pm. Committee consensus is to extend hours of operation in all lots to 8am to 8pm.

The committee discussed fee violations. Are we charging enough? Should we allow overnight parking in certain lots? What would we charge for overnight parking? Sally will get more information and bring back to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Parking Lots:**

Randy reviewed revised drawings he prepared based on the December 10 discussion.

1) Drakes Island Road/Island Beach Road

5 handicap spaces have been added. Bicycle rack will be added near utility pole and guy wire.

2) Drakes Island Jetty Lot

Handicap spots have been changed, 3 by the restrooms and 3 by the beach. Bike rack has been added by restrooms. A barrier will be placed between parking and restrooms. Parking meters located at entrance and midway in the lot. With these changes, there are 95 parking spaces.

3) Gross Lot

Pay meters identified. Added handicap parking spaces and parking attendant spaces. Bicycle/moped/scooter/motorcycle racks have also been added. Consensus was bicycle parking is free, mopeds, scooters, motorcycles will pay fee. Consensus was to remove RV parking as lot is too tight and add more regular parking spaces in RV area.

4) Harbor Park

The parking lot is located behind Pavilion and next to boat yard along Webhannet River near the high water line. Bicycle rack will be placed at further end of lot. No parking signs to be added along marsh with snow fence as barrier to prevent parking along dune grass.

That area won't be paved or striped but plastic spikes can be added to mark the spaces. Access to the memorial bell should be preserved.

5) Riverside Drive

The recommendation is to make this one way. One way arrows will be added along the roadway. No parking markings will be added to Eastern Shore end of Riverside Drive in triangle area.

6) Ocean Avenue near Bourne

This is a very dangerous intersection. Need to keep ROW's open and clear of vehicles blocking them. All three ROW's along Ocean Ave. will have delineators with signs to read: "No Parking, No Unloading, No Standing – Subject to Fine".

7) Gold Ribbon Drive

Plan was revised to make entrance into lot off of Gold Ribbon Drive then exit onto Webhannet Dr. A striped crosswalk was added at upper end crossing Gold Ribbon Drive. Committee agreed to leave parking area along upper Gold Ribbon Drive as is with no changes.

Committee also agreed to mark area near entrance to Crescent Beach as “No Parking, No Standing, No Unloading”. This area will be marked same as crosswalk with striping to keep vehicles from stopping there.

#### 8) Casino Square

A Police parking spot was added near Lifeguard spaces. Need two spaces for Police parking and one space for Lifeguard parking.

Flow of traffic going wrong way on Ledge Lane was discussed. Need to add one way arrows along Ledge Lane and a bigger “One Way” sign.

#### 9) Eastern Shore

Defined Mooring Holder parking area. Need to add jersey barriers and road markings to better distinguish Marina Parking area. Revise to add 3 more spaces to equal 30 total spaces for Marina parking. Add handicap spaces closer to docks.

#### 10) Webhannet

Randy to provide visual map of Webhannet Drive to review at next meeting.

#### 11) Wayfinding Signs

Jon reviewed the proposed wayfinding signs for beach areas. The signs will tell people what’s ahead and how to get there. A large beach rule sign will culminate miscellaneous existing signs currently around beach areas. It was suggested the proposed “no tents & pop-ups” be added to these signs once Selectmen approve it.

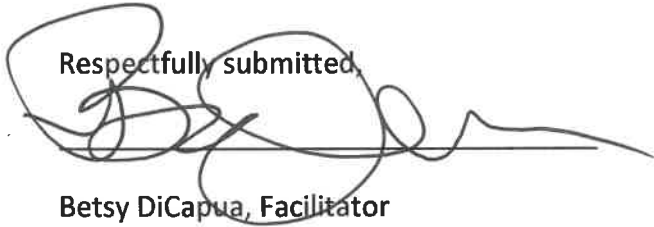
Committee members were strongly urged to attend the public hearings with Selectmen on the Parking recommendations.

#### To Do List:

- ~Develop a list of proposed ordinance changes. What new ones are needed.
- ~Consider free parking at the schools and using the trolleys as shuttles.
- ~Brainstorm and develop solutions for better and clearer enforcement.
- ~Review fines to determine if they are appropriate to deter abuse.
- ~Brainstorm on ways to inform public and better use technology.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Betsy DiCapua, Facilitator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marianne Goodine", written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and elegant.

Marianne Goodine, Meeting Recorder