

Minutes of Parking Subcommittee held on May 29th

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Mrs. Krepelka, Mr. Gilligan, Parking Clerk and Officer Corey Rateau

Parking Subcommittee May 29, 2014 met to discuss the following:

1. Public Enforcement of Town Owned Meter Lots
2. Enforcement of Signs: Newman Way
Bailey Road
Churchill Avenue
Lockeland Avenue
Mass. Ave. from Carey Way to Schouler Court
3. 91 Westminster Avenue

The initial recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to deny two off-street parking permits to the resident at the above address was referred to the Parking Subcommittee. Mr. Goldstein, the owner of 91 Westminster Avenue who submitted the petition was present at the meeting. We discussed how every other resident has a cut in the wall and installed either a driveway or a garage. He brought to the argument, again, that it would ruin the historic nature of the house. We advised that this was already addressed in Officer Rateau's letter of May 8, 2014 and that the wall is not a factor in the historic nature of the property. Every other house has done such a modification without losing their historic status. He was advised again that the cost involved with making such a modification is not a consideration. Mr. Gilligan recommended that Mr. Goldstein look into having the private paper street that abuts his property be converted into a driveway and use the town's private way improvement act. He was given until June 17th to give his cost estimate and construction plans to the BOS in preparation for the June 23 meeting. Mr. Gilligan stated he would give him a temporary parking permit should he request one.

The Committee unanimously agreed to the above.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Parking in the Municipal Lots:

Officer Rateau asked that the Treasurer's Office be consistent in telling residents where to appeal tickets.

Mr. Gilligan stated that he will make sure the Treasurer's Office and Staff does not direct anyone to the Police Department or Officer Rateau's attention if they are disputing a parking ticket when they should be filing for an appeal. Mr. Gilligan reiterated that the Police Department is not part of the appeals process.

If both meters in the either municipal lot are out, the standard will continue to be to chalk tires and give them the max allotted time posted (3 hrs). The standard was and will continue to be as long as one meter is functioning in each lot, people utilizing the lot is required to pay or be subject to being ticketed. It does not matter if the machine is only accepting one kind of currency (bills vs. coins); it only matters that it is accepting money. Officer Rateau stated it would be equivalent of someone saying they shouldn't have to pay because they only wanted to park for an hour and only had a \$5.00 bill.

The subcommittee agreed to advise the parking control officers to use the "Notes" section of their handhelds to denote what time a tire has been chalked when they are doing any types of timed parking enforcement.

The Committee unanimously agreed to the above.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Parking in Vicinity of Arlington High School

The Committee recommended that the signs that have been posted for almost a year be enforced forthwith.

1. Advise the School Committee and Arlington High School that the Town has no obligation to provide free on-street parking to faculty, staff or students.
2. Make the area of Mass. Avenue between Carey Lane and Schouler Court a permanent permit parking area. These spaces should be marked out and only that many permits will be sold. The cost will be the same as any other daytime permit in town (\$50/month). The school can decide in which manner they will allow someone to purchase a permit (lottery, etc.). When it comes to charging a fee, it does not matter that there may be free spaces in the back of AHS because those may all be taken (first come-first served) and this is a manner in which a space is available all the time. Again, the Town does not guarantee free or nearby on-street parking to any other employee.
3. **If the Board decides that they do not want the timed parking restrictions that they voted on to be enforced, then they should eliminate the timed-parking regulations and remove the signs immediately.**

The Committee unanimously agreed to the above.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

