



Parking Implementation and Governance Committee

Meeting Date: May 20, 2015

Time: 8:00 to 9:30 am

Location: Town Manager's Conference Room, Town Hall Annex

Attendance: Steve Biagioni (Arlington Catholic), Steve Byrne (Selectmen), Adam Chapdelaine (Town Manager), Steve Gilligan (Treasurer), Mike Gordon (resident), Mike Morse (Treasurer), Howard Muise (TAC), Leland Stein (Arl. Ctr. Merchants), Laura Wiener (Planning)

Non-members present: Wayne Chouinard (Town Engineer)

Absent: John Hurd (Chamber of Commerce), Corey Rateau (Police)

Meeting Minutes:

Meter Installation. Wayne developed a budget for installation of 4-5 multi-space meters, solar and electric. Committee preferred installation of 5 solar meters as best option. Cost to install 5 solar meters is about \$6000 over what is budgeted. Adam will look into ways to cover additional costs, possibly from DPW. Motion to move forward with installation of 5 multi-space solar powered meters, voted unanimously.

Minutes of May 6 meeting were approved.

Farmers Market. Laura spoke with Patsy Kraemer about Farmers Market in Russell lot. Patsy feels it would be hard to consolidate vendors to use less space. The current parking arrangement works well for Market--vendors come in the morning with trucks (use about 46 spaces) but customers don't come until 2:00, when AC classes are done for the day. Parking is adequate for Market customers. Steve Byrne suggested possibility of reclaiming spaces until noon, with signage saying "No parking after noon on Wednesdays". Adam noted this might entail towing. It was decided not to recommend any changes until after street meters are in place.

Other off-street parking issues:

- Leland noted that the existing meters are not working and asked if they could be shut down until replaced. Steve Byrne responded that the Selectmen have said in the past they don't want to shut them down.
- Future issues should include making the parking lot safer and more appealing with lighting, improved access from Medford Street, signage, etc.
- Electric charging stations for electric vehicles, and additional Zipcar spaces have been requested.

Loading. Laura reported she spoke with Cambridge, Somerville and Brookline. All 3 said they set loading areas in response to merchant requests. Traffic Authority of the

city or town sets locations and hours. Leland inquired about establishing a loading zone behind the Fire Station, on Broadway. Laura will discuss with Ted Fields and owners of American Alarm.

Four potential areas for loading zones were identified.

1. In front of Regent, pushing bus stop toward Chestnut Street
2. Broadway at American Alarm.
3. Middle of median on Mass. Ave.
4. Taxi stand on Mass. Ave.

Taxi Stands. Taxis seldom use the 3 designated taxi spaces (2 on Mass. Ave. at Medford St and 1 on Medford St. in front of Regent). But they need a designated space to park. Need more data on how cabs are procured. Recommendation to remove the 3 spaces at Mass. Ave. and Medford Street, to be replaced by 2 spots in Russell Common lot and 2 more on Mass. Ave. outside Arlington Center. Adam, Steve will talk to MaryAnn Sullivan and taxi companies to get more information on taxi dispatch.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

Workplan for next meeting.

Adam/Steve Byrne--data on taxis.

Laura—American Alarm, schedule meter interviews for June 16

Future meetings scheduled

Tuesday June 9, 7:45 to 9:00 am

Tuesday June 16, 8:00 am to 10:00 am--single space meter interviews

Tuesday June 23, 7:45 to 9:00 am