

WEBSTER and FRANKLIN

Requests relative to parking have come from 15 residents of Webster Street, representing 7 of the 17 residences, and one resident of Franklin Street. The following information was obtained to further the work on parking policy and process, as well as examining these specific streets.

FINDINGS

Resident complaints were focused on the section of Webster between Warren and Broadway, and the section of Franklin just north of Warren Street.



On Wednesday October 11, 2006, the following locations were surveyed at three times during the day:

- 8:30 – 9 AM (Morning)
- Noon
- 3:30 – 4:30 PM (Afternoon)

Vehicles were counted on the following streets:

- Warren Street between Route 60 and Webster
- Alton Street between Warren and Belton
- Franklin Street between #85 (4 houses north of Warren) to Broadway
- Webster Street between Warren and Broadway
- Broadway between Webster and Franklin

Additionally, empty spaces were surveyed in the municipal lot.

To determine length of occupancy, license plates were recorded at the following locations:

- Warren Street between Route 60 and Webster
- Franklin Street between #85 (4 houses north of Warren) to Warren
- Webster Street between Warren and Broadway
- Broadway between Webster and Franklin

Findings can be summarized as follows:

- Municipal Lot: Even though the Wednesday Farmer's market reduced the inventory of available spaces, empty spaces were available. In the morning, there are 23 vacant spaces in the permit area, and many more vacant spaces in the 2-hour area. At noon time, there were 9 vacant spaces in the permit area, and at least 28 vacant spaces in the 2-hour area. In the afternoon (with the Farmer's market going) there were only a few vacant spaces in either the permit or 2-hour areas. Thus, there was parking generally available in the Municipal lot.
- Warren Street: Virtually all the spaces were occupied between Route 60 and Franklin Street in both the morning and noon checks. There was virtually no vehicle turnover between morning and noon. By 4 PM, about 80% of the vehicles had departed. Between Franklin and Webster, occupancy was about 60%, again with very little turnover between the morning and noon checks. It dropped to perhaps 20% in the afternoon. Even though all but one vehicle was legally parked (20' rule), there were instances of motorists pulling halfway across Warren Street in order to see when exiting one of the side streets.
- Alton Street. Parking is only permitted on the east side of Alton Street, and there only for one hour. Occupancy was low, especially in the morning and midday. Three vehicles were seen in the morning, two at noon and approximately 8 in the afternoon.
- Franklin Street north of Warren Street: The street is narrow with no parking restrictions and a curve. Occupancy patterns were similar to those on Warren Street. In the morning and noon, most spaces were taken, with little turnover. By 4 PM, they were mostly empty. North of number 85 (farther from Warren Street), occupancy dropped significantly.

- Franklin Street between Warren Street and Broadway. This area has a time limit. Occupancy appeared low: 8 vehicles in the morning, 10 at noon, 4 in the afternoon.
- Webster Street between Warren and Broadway. Measurements indicate the street is about 1 foot narrower than many other East Arlington streets (24 – 25 feet). Occupancy was perhaps 30%, or approximately 10 vehicles (not very high). Of the 16 vehicles seen at some point during the day, 2 were seen on all three observations (parked all day), 5 were seen on 2 consecutive observations, 1 was seen in morning and afternoon (not noon), and the remaining vehicles were only seen once.
- Broadway between Webster and Franklin. This has a short 1-hour area near Franklin street, and additional 1-hour sign on the south side near Webster Street. Otherwise, no restrictions are posted. No vehicles were parked at 8:20 AM. By noontime, occupancy had increased to about 70%, and by 4 PM, only a few spaces were open. There appeared to be no long term parking, with different vehicles observed at noon and 4 PM.