

**Parking & Traffic Committee
Meeting Minutes of
August 14, 2019**

Members present:

Name	Representation Area
Richard Trachimowicz	Drakes Island
Katy Kelly	Lodging - Lafayette
Lorraine Cullen	Webhannet Dr.
David MacKenzie	Wells Beach
Linda Wagner	Moody Beach
Elaine Talevi	Campground
Richard Clark	West of Turnpike
Betsy DiCapua	Facilitator
Karl Ekstedt	Selectmen Liaison
Jonathan Carter	Town Manager
Mike Livingston	Town Engineer/Planner
Gerald Congdon	Lieutenant/Police Dept.
Marianne Goodine	Secretary

Meeting called to order at 10AM. Introductions were made and Betsy reviewed the Committee's charge, purpose and timeline for completion. The Committee's charge is to "Review the seasonal coastal parking and high traffic areas from Route One to the ocean regarding: 1) adequate handicap parking and locations; 2) parking lot design and functionality; 3) traffic congestion abatement ideas and pedestrian – vehicle safety concerns and recommendations including signage and pavement marking; 4) overnight parking issues on public beach roads; and 5) Chapter 212 (Vehicles and Traffic) amendment recommendations" in coastal areas of Wells (Drakes Island, Wells Beach and Moody Beach)."

Mr. Ekstedt stated that the Board of Selectmen wanted representation from all areas and a cross-section to help make decisions on problems i.e. parking, traffic, drop offs, trash collection, etc. and the committee members are here for their expertise and solutions to traffic and parking issues in the coastal areas. The Board of Selectmen approved an ordinance amendment on parking and handicapped spaces along beach areas and property owners were not happy with new parking arrangements.

Timeline:

Aug – Oct	Identify problems
Nov – March	Rewrite ordinances based on material and final solutions
April – June	Adoption of resolution and ordinances

Problems:

Drakes Island:

- Traffic, drop offs, back-ups, 400+ cars trying to get into lots.
- Enforcement of handicapped parking areas
- Lack of parking spaces and drop off areas
- Vehicles parking in driveways and in roadway on both Drakes Island Road and Island Beach Road for drop offs

Wells Beach:

- Atlantic Ave – pop up weekend lots – homeowners use their property for parking.
- Vehicle backups at Eastern Shore lot on Saturdays.
- Riverside Drive used as parking, drop offs and u-turns.
- Atlantic Ave. – road striping uneven on each side.
- Vehicles parking on private property too close to roadside creating dangerous situation for pedestrians walking, biking, scooters, etc.
- Webhannet – vehicles parked along seawall overnight. Large vehicles barely fit.
- Mile Road – uneven striping
- No overnight parking – worries about drug trade

Moody Beach:

- People trespassing on private beach
- People don't read signs – parking under "no parking" signs
- Speeding
- Drop offs at Right of Ways
- Drop offs and pick-ups at Public Way (Bourne Ave.)

Other:

- Cannot depend on Police Department for coverage in all areas
- Bike Cop shortage – difficulty with enforcement
- Construction vehicles parking in roadways
- Crosswalks – people don't use them as much as they should
- Timing of lights on Route One - traffic flow
- Trolley usage – is it being utilized to fullest extent?
- Social Media perpetuating false information
- Review of Chapter 212.15 – vehicle exemptions
- Parking Ordinance not clear enough for proper enforcement
- Chapel Road & Harbor Road – very DANGEROUS!
- Encroachment on roads
- Motorized non-vehicles
- Non-use of crosswalks
- Public's disregard of signage
- Locals not being able to utilize beaches – do we need a local lot?

“Jobs List” “Homework”:

- Review of existing ordinances
 - Overnight Parking
 - Signage
- Review of existing sidewalks
- Review of Trolley system
- Review of current roadside rights-of-way (where the actual boundaries are located). Is there a safe border for pedestrians?
- Review of beach rights-of-way
- Determining where we can establish drop-off spots
- Review of existing crosswalks
- Review of current handicap spots
- Review of current speed limits on beach roads
- Determining an ordinance for non-traditional motorized items (skateboards, etc.)
- Review of Town’s position on Moody Beach
- Review of where accidents occur in Wells
- Determining maximum parking spaces in beach lots and areas

Next meeting: September 3, 2019 at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy DiCapua, Facilitator

Marianne Goodine, Meeting Recorder