

Town of Richmond
Parking Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday May 24, 2021 6:00 PM

Members:

Cara LaBounty - present
Diane Mariano - present
JC (John) Cohn -present
Lou Borie - present
John Rankin – present

6:03 PM Recording started

6:03 PM Welcome and Public Comment

Gary Bressor asked for assistance in encouraging those that are parking in the Round Church grass event parking area to park elsewhere. We discussed it and will get back to him and/or ask him to come to another meeting for further discussion.

6:13 PM 1. Updates on Select Board Presentation & Projects

VTrans 11-11 Permit (combined for The Bullpen & Johnny Brook): The permit has been filed, received, and presently under the 2-week cycle of review.

Jonesville Railroad site: JC & Cara went over the Richmond attorney's comments. They made a clean copy, sent it to Josh, and Josh will send it out.

Bombardier Meadow: It's opened and under use.

Jeff Pugh wrote a letter to the RLT telling them about his displeasure with the noise he gets from the parking area which is directly across from his back yard. He understands it is temporary however if it is to be permanent, he would like financial support to make a stockade fence. Diane will follow up with Jeff.

Beeken Preserve: RLT did receive permission from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Commission to move forward with the temporary west end parking for 2021 and eventually eliminate the present-day parking in the future. The Town (Pete) is ready to complete the work on the west field. Lou will circle back with Jim Feinson about Jeff Robinson, State Archeologist, to see that the town can move forward.

Overocker Park: The trees have been cleaned up, the entrance has been built up, and the parking area is cleaned up and ready to go. The Town (Pete) will go forward on this once he can obtain gravel from Hinesburg Sand & Gravel for the parking area. This project will be completed right after Memorial Day weekend.

A trail needs to be made to access the river. John R. will contact Willie and work out those details. Cara and Diane will meet with Pete on Wednesday (5/26) for the final layout of Overocker Park area.

Round Church: All done! The Round Church parking spots, the handicap spots, and the rest of the parking spots are 2-hour parking have all been completed by Pete.

6:35 PM 2. Follow-up tasks: Signage, Parking Diagram, Maps, website, & notifications

Signage: Cara will order some simple campaign type signs that state "Richmond Recreational Parking". JC will work on a QR code for the sign that will land on a map

on Richmond's website. He will work with Josh for the landing page. Lou and John will talk about the parking map.

Lou will make the parking diagrams for the Bullpen, Railroad, Johnny Brook, Beeken Preserve, and Volunteer's Green. Lou needs all those dimensions to make that work.

JC will investigate possible options for gathering usage data. JC and John R. will talk about possible tools like Strava for additional uses.

Diane and Cara will work on notifications for the Trails Committee, Cochran's Ski Area, and the public.

7:00 PM **3. Deeper diving into: Ordinances, Conservation Fund Application Process, and Planning/Zoning Recreational Parking**

PAC is looking into these areas to understand them from a recreational parking perspective. For now, Planning and Zoning does not appear to include recreational areas in their missions, so we don't need more information from them.

Ordinances: Cara will talk with Kyle Kaepernick about the ordinances for the recreational areas.

Conservation Fund Application Process: Diane will investigate this process.

6:09 PM **4. Future meetings:** For the summer months, PAC will meet once a month on Mondays 6:00-8:00 PM. These are the dates, June 28th, July 26th, and August 23rd.

5. Review & Approve Minutes –3/29/2021 and 4/12/2021 – next time

7:41 PM **Adjourn** JC motioned to adjourn, Diane 2nd it, all ayes.