

PAC Minutes – June 17th, 2024

The meeting was convened at 5:01 p.m.

Diane Mariano, Chuck Gilroy, John Rankin, John Cohn and Matt Buckley were present.

Josh Arneson was present as a guest, as was Tyler Machia.

Chuck suggested potential agenda addition, i.e. Johnnybrook update.

5:03 p.m. Johnnybrook Update. Josh briefly spoke regarding draft contract changes, responsibility for the swale area, and amendments to the map to re: nose-in parking.

5:06 p.m. Future of PAC. Josh presented his views regarding the future of PAC.

Various options included:

Disband?

Fold into other Committees, e.g. Trails, Recreation?

Hiatus?

More responsibility?

PAC started in Sept. of 2020, and this year is the fourth summer.

Josh suggested:

The idea of cutting meetings down to once every month or two. Less frequency.

Perhaps the PAC could engage in outreach to other committees.

He did not believe that there are current new needs or projects. Nothing urgent.

Diane indicated that some parking issues still rise from Richmond Land Trust properties.

Diane also suggested inquiry into exactly how enforcement takes place.

John Rankin asked whether Volunteers Green was in any a concern of the PAC. Josh did not think so, and stated we now have as much parking as possible at the Green.

Josh did agree that monitoring of current issues would still be helpful.

Chuck stated that the PAC and Josh were essentially like-minded.

5:32 p.ms. Shoulder Parking and Existing Regulation. Josh suggested that questions regarding shoulder parking and existing regulations would start with Keith and/or Virginia on the Development Review Board. The issue and/or goal would be stated, and then Planning and Zoning would undertake a proposed rewrite. They might suggest running it by Selectboard, and the Selectboard could help with research and drafting.

5:35 p.m. West White Hill Shoulder Parking. Tyler indicated a Conditional Use permit would be necessary.

Discussion took place about resident(s) offering a portion of their property as a solution re: Gillette Pond parking.

Tyler pointed out that parking is a dependent use, i.e. a use dependent on another use. Parking is always associated with a use in the regulations.

6.1.6 does not really address parking at large. It is not envisioned at all in the regs. It must be tied to a use.

Agriculture/Residential District. 3.1 and 3.2 don't really apply. 3.12 Outdoor Recreation or Park also problematic, as the parking must be on the lot in question. Stated alternatively, the issue is trying to shoehorn parking in to a regulated use.

Tyler stated that Overocker, for example, should have been permitted.

Bombardier Meadow another example, as it would now require Conditional Use.

Josh and Chuck questioned the legal aspect of the relationship between the Town of the landowner:

Would the parking be a Temporary Easement?

Where would liability rest?

Would it become a part of the landowner's deed?

Is the recreational activity occurring on the lot that provides the parking? Parking is NOT stand alone.

Chuck questioned the application to Johnnybrook. Tyler responded there was never an actual application. Folks could, in theory, complain.

John Rankin pointed out that the Development Review Board may impose screening, per 5.6 and 5.5 Site Plan and Conditional Use. The Board can waive certain requirements. Parking would have to meet setbacks, e.g. Accessory Use probably 10 foot set-back.

John suggested the owner could consider zoning regs. that specifically address recreational parking use off site. Tyler was not familiar with other towns doing this.

Decision was made to discuss all this further at future meeting.

6:14 p.m. East Cochran Road. Chuck spoke and rode with Pete Gosselin. Pete did not believe that gaining 20 feet would make a big difference.

There can be no parking at the old RLT dropoff spot. RLT has a sign "Drop Off Area Only". The area is within the Town right of way.

Chuck also discussed with Pete the "End No Parking" sign. It is confusing. Pete suggested ropes and posts as a solution. He did not think moving a No Parking sign from Dugway Road would help. Also, the "No Parking" sign doesn't currently comply with Town ordinance.

Pete did indicate that the fog lines depict the shoulder, and are therefore helpful to parking.

6:22 p.m. Browns Court Selectboard Update. No discussion or action taken.

6:23 p.m. Approval of June 3rd Minutes. Diane moved for approval, and John Cohn seconded. Approved.

6:24 p.m. Schedule Next Meeting. August 5th appeared to be the best date.

Possible agenda items for next meeting:

Dugway Road, including enforcement.

East Cochran.

Process the information from Tyler and Josh.

Possible attendance of other meetings.

Conversation w/Keith and Virginia.

Amendment of ordinances/zoning.

Adjourned 6:32 p.m.