

PAC Minutes – August 5th, 2024

Members present - Matt Buckley, Chuck Gilroy, John Rankin, Diane Mariano and John Cohn

6:03 p.m. Start of meeting. Welcome. No guests were waiting or present, and there were no public comments.

6:05 p.m. Agenda Additions or Deletions. John C. suggested adding an East Cochran Road update.

6:06 p.m. Discussion Regarding Previous Conversation with Josh Arneson
Re: Future Direction and Goals of PAC.

Josh voiced appreciation for PAC. He indicated there were no concrete needs to be addressed. John C. suggested the goal of bringing new folks to PAC.

Reference to minutes from last meeting, which summarized Josh's observations in more detail. PAC is generally in agreement with Josh.

Diane suggested speaking with Josh more often.

6:11 p.m. Conversation with Josh re: Zoning Regulations.

Matt question whether PAC is taking on more than what is necessary at this point.

John C. commented on the wisdom on looking proactively regarding the sustainable use of parking resources.

Diane reminding PAC of the previous discussion regarding the fact, indicated by Tyler Machia, of the parking needing to be directly tied to the use on the property.

Chuck spoke of the possibility of adding recreational parking to 3.1 of Ordinance. This would be the root of a change.

John R. wondered whether PAC members should go to other committees to discuss the issue of off-site parking. Matt indicated his support for this idea. Chuck believes specific examples would be helpful, and agreed to ask Bob Low if he would be supportive.

Matt suggested he could contact David Sunshine as to where to start.

6:29 p.m. East Cochran Road. Chuck spoke with Chief Cambridge. Officers are taking the position that the travelled portion of the road is between white line and yellow lines. Chuck spoke

Chuck spoke with Pete, who is at best lukewarm on the idea of any significant changes to parking along East Cochran.

John. C. indicated that the fog lines are working well. It presents a much more level area, and appears safer. Diane added that folks are parking with more consideration. No one is parking at the bump out.

The consensus, regarding the Edmunds Bridge parking area, is that it is best not to have parking across the street.

Chuck indicated that he will ask Pete for permission for PAC to get directly involved in placing appropriate ropes and/or pilons.

6:39 p.m. Dugway Road update. The new signate has been installed.

John C. stated that, according to the police, things are better.

Chuck spoke with the Hinesburg who clarified that cars that already have tickets on them cannot be towed.

Matt questioned what can be done if a Richmond resident identifies what appears to be a clear violation.

Chuck then added that he met with officer Jeremy.

PAC then discussed the amount of fines. Presently, all fines in Richmond are \$50, and to add to the problem tickets still state \$25. Should tickets be greatly increased, e.g. to \$200?

Diane stated she would invite Chief Cambridge to the next PAC meeting.

6:54 p.m. Storm Damage and Parking. Matt and Chuck pointed out that a section of Dugway between their homes was significantly damaged, taking out several parking spaces. John C. asked whether any damage had taken place at Overocker.

John and Diane asked whether more signage is appropriate on East Cochran.

7:03 p.m. Johnnybrook Update. Josh presented the State contract before Selectboard on the 15th, and the Selectboard approved. Waiting for State to sign. The project should be finished by the Spring, and will include posts, rope, etc. The Selectboard can fund the wood, rope, etc. , and then look at bids. The State's biggest concern is the swale. A permanent looking barrier will keep folks away from the swale. No survey needed, just a nice concept. Then back to the Selectboard. Chuck will approach John Linn re: the concept.

7:10 p.m. Fee Structure. Already discussed previously in the meeting.

7:10 p.m. PAC response to social media. Chuck suggested a scripted response, indicating that PAC cannot / should not address concerns other than in a duly warned PAC meeting.

Matt then led a lengthy discussion about Huntington River rights.

Chuck indicated he will draft language.

Matt indicated he would ask Duncan or Josh regarding any Town-wide policy re: a preferred practice.

7:33 p.m. June 17th Meeting Minutes. Chuck moved to approved . Diane seconded. Approved.

7:35 p.m. Next meeting. September 9th. August 26th meeting to be cancelled.

7:40 p.m. Adjourned.