

PAC Minutes February 12th, 2024

Present in person were Chuck Gilroy, John Rankin and Matt Buckley.

John Cohn and Diane Mariano were present online.

Julia Brennan was present as a guest, and Lisa Miller was present as a guest.

6:04 Start of meeting. Welcome. John Rankin presiding.

6:07 Deletions / Additions to Agenda. It was decided to add review of 2024 retiring members to the end.

6:08 Discussion of PAC Goals 2024 presented to Selectboard.

The goals presented to the Selectboard expanded into a general discussion of 2024 goals.

PAC briefly discussed signage and look of the Checkered House Bridge parking area. Signs would be season. 4 x 4 posts demarcation posts preferred.

Create additional parking for Gillette Pond near dam.

John Rankin didn't think we were in a position to make further recommendations re: Gillette at this time, due to various complications. Need to speak with the Town Planner.

\$4,081.35 is the amount for the Shoulder Parking Estimate. Cost for fill materials. Possibly dangerous for people to walk across the street.

Chuck does see a need for additional parking, and indicated the need for further input from Selectboard re: fill added and parking.

Chuck moved to recommend to Selectboard creation of 6 additional parking spaces on the west side of Gillette Pond Road. Matt seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Diane wondered if the parking space work could coincide with the summer work on the dam, e.g. would new fill vs. materials be taken out due to the work?

A discussion took place re: reconsider improvements to Overocker Parking Area. Ideas for additional and improved signage at parking lot and at the road. Perhaps seasonal signage would be appropriate? Diane expressed concern about permanent new signage given instability due to flooding of the area.

Perhaps improved signage would increase use of Overocker. River access, location of trails, access to beaches, canoe access. It was agreed to put Overocker on agenda for next meeting.

East Cochran Road. Discussion of adding 6 parking spaces w/ addition of fill to restore parking area. Email today from Jim Feinson (RLT) indicated that RLT has not revisited Bombardier Meadow parking plans. ADA parking a concern. Turnaround.

Chuck believes we should stick with promise to provide some degree of parking.

Diane expressed concern about dumping gravel before RLT accomplishes their work. Diane also expressed concern about adjacent land owners as well as depth into Bombardier meadow.

Need to confirm that parking area under discussion is within the Town of Richmond ROW.

Town Planner Keith Osborne would like to be kept in the loop. Further contact with Pete and Josh as well.

No ordinance change involved in the issue.

6:48 p.m. John Cohn review of Selectboard Presentation.

Positive feedback. Main take away was how to talk about additional possible areas of concern, e.g. Andrews Town Forest, Southview and Willis Hill.

Willis Hill is RLT, and is not Town property. Question arises as to whether the Town has any role in enforcement at RLT parking areas.

No further action at this time re: overnight parking. Selectboard to address the matter. Lisa Miller will ask Josh as to further input from PAC.

Lisa indicated that Andrews Forest discussion is going to heat up this year. PAC input will be helpful at some point.

Diane asked Lisa regarding Route 2, and whether there is potential for additional parking.

7:00 p.m. Follow up on Dugway Road parking signs.

Julia Brennan speculated as to whether any parking lot going would be going into the RLT area across the road from her residence. Jim Feinson has indicated that RLT is not in the business of parking. Pete has indicated sight lines are a problem. Area would be impractical for parking. PAC is not aware of any discussion about or desire for parking in that area.

Chuck followed up with Pete. Chuck flagged signage for Dugway Road. 3 codes. 12 *No Parking This Side of Road* signs. Signs each end indicating no parking next two miles. Four new posts for new signs.

7:03 p.m. Chuck moved to approve January 22nd, 2024 and January 11th 2024 Minutes. Approved. John R. seconded. Passed.

7:05 p.m. Future meetings. Do we need two per month? Next meeting March 11th. No meeting on February 26th.

7:09 p.m. Additions to Agenda. Positions opening up on PAC.

Chuck does not plan on doing another term. John Rankin is giving thought as to

whether he will continue.

7:12 p.m. Adjourned.