

Richmond Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting
Monday March 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

Richmond Town Center Meeting Room, 3rd Floor – 203 Bridge Street, Richmond, VT

Hybrid Meeting – In-person Meeting with Zoom Option

Attending: John Rankin, Diane Mariano, Chuck Gilroy, John Cohn

Visitors: Bob Low (zoom), Betsy Emerson, Jane Van Landingham

6:03 PM Welcome & Public Comment (none)

6:10 PM Discuss parking on Wes White Hill Road and at Gillett Pond

- Chuck update on ticketing at Gillette Pond. No evidence that any tickets have been given when Chuck checked with RP.
- Bob Lowe told story about being at Gillette Pond when RPD drove by and gave voice notification for those parked on the pond side to get off the driven part of the road. Visitors complied, and no tickets were written.
- Discussion on ‘discretion’ of who gets tickets and who does not. Bob Lowe reminded us of Acting Chief Herrick’s statement last PAC meeting on the need to treat all parkers equally.
- John Rankin reminds us that discretion is frequently applied in downtown Richmond and Round Church where ordinances are often not obeyed
- Discussed RLT presentation last week from F Martin that shows plans for limited off street parking.
- Jane L asked about the way things work in Huntington near the Tree Farm.
- Chuck G discussed with B. Lowe about possibility of angle in parking on Lowe property opposite the pond which Bob Lowe would be amenable to discussing. Would give 5-7 parking places. To use this, would need to spread gravel. Would need to check with Pete and town engineer. RLT to be part of that discussion. Would fix part of the problem most days. Counter example was MLK day a few years back with over 100 cars.
- There is also a pullout further towards the Huntington line used for fishing. We should walk it to measure.
- Possibility of approaching Girl Scouts to see if flat place on west side of Wes white between Durand and gate to Girl Scout driveway for possible parking. **Follow-up:** Chuck to make the call the Girl Scouts
- Plan a field trip in early April to measure out possibilities. Invite RLT. Check in to sub-committee work to see how many PAC members can attend. Consider a warned meet out there. **Follow-up:** schedule that meeting at the site. Discuss in next meeting’s agenda.

6:47 PM Discuss proposed changes to the traffic ordinance

- Select Board will be holding 1st of two public hearings tonight on 3 ordinance changes proposed by PAC. We will break to go attend.

6:47 PM Discuss alternative parking solutions. Summer vs Winter parking strategies.

- Gillette Pond will be put on back burner until early April when we hold a meeting up at Wes White Hill.

6:49 PM Assisting RPD for parking enforcement.

- 6:50 reviewed discussion about the complexity of paying town constable for additional enforcement
- Chuck proposed hiring an ‘apprentice’ constable that would eventually go to police academy.
- First step: We will invite Andy Squires to meet with PAC.
- Possible 2nd step would be to hire a second constable.

Follow-up:

- Diane to brief Kevin
- Kevin to talk to Josh about what it would take for town to hire a second constable
- send any an invite to next PAC

7:05 PM Approval of past minutes – 2/13/23

- Approved by voice vote

7:06 PM Agenda for the next meeting

- Add communications discussion
- Discuss John, Diane, Kevin, terms
- Discuss seeding new members of the committee
- Re-visit continued vision for PAC – Signage, communication
- 7:13 PM Adjourn
- Rankin moves to close meeting
- All approved