

## **Parking Advisory Committee (PAC)**

### **Monday, June 12, 6 PM – 8 PM**

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

Hybrid Meeting – In-person Meeting with Zoom Option

Attending: John Rankin (zoom), Diane Mariano, Chuck Gilroy, John Cohn

Visitors: Gary Bressor

- 6:03 PM Welcome & Public Comment - none
- 6:06 PM Discuss long term parking plan at Gillette's Pond and dam bids.
- RLT confirmed a bid had been awarded for the dam build
  - Follow-up with Pete needed for Selectboard discussion on Low side edging
- 6:08 PM Discussion regarding how new pavement on East Cochran Road will impact parking
- Diane confirmand John Rankin's observation about the parking edging
  - Diane did note that the new roped-off area (at the RLT parking curb cut) gives a nice spot to drop a canoe...she observed others using this spot
  - Diane & John both commented on neighborhood being peaceful
  - Chuck also commented that Dugway has been peaceful and that all may be weather related
- 6:08 PM Updates regarding East Cochran Road
- Pete and road crew did a nice job putting up the signs and roping off the field
  - Pete and the road crew also did a stellar job redesigning Edmunds Bridge Parking and putting lines to denote 5 parking spaces
  - A rope may need to be added from Edmunds Bridge to the telephone pole to denote no parking across from the Edmunds Bridge Parking area.
  - Follow-up: Chuck will talk with Pete
- 6:13 PM Update regarding new traffic ordinance signs installation, press release.
- Follow-up: Chuck will check with Pete & once signs go up Josh can release the press release. Discussion about spreading the press release to Front Porch Forum and Times Ink.
- 6:17 PM Enforcement discussion with new police coverage
- No news here...keep on agenda for next meeting
- 6:20 PM Updates regarding Checkered Bridge parking on Johnny Brook Road.
- Noticed it gets good usage
  - Discussion about mowing cost of the area. Diane reminded everyone that the town (Pete) had always mowed the area prior to parking being added and now Pete mows only the area for actual parking
- 6:23 PM Discussion on how and when PAC presents to Selectboard.
- Chuck brought up the need to circle in with the Selectboard more often than once a year. He suggested we speak with them more frequently. Everyone agreed.
  - Diane mentioned that one of us may been to reestablish communication with

Josh to keep him in the loop and to have Josh help us decide when to present to Selectboard

- This discussion spun PAC into a discussion about creating an event for the various committees to meet each other and talk about what they are working on.
- Talk of maybe an August date for this committee “Meet & Greet”.
- A name of this event is still being discussed.
- Follow-up: John Cohn will start this work and Diane will help. They will talk with Lisa Miller, Selectboard member.

6:39 PM Approve minutes of 5/22/23 meeting – approved

6:40 PM Overocker Park Trail & River Access discussion

- Diane & John discussed their River Shore walk from Overocker Park.
- A few nice river beach options exist a short distance from the parking area
- The trails are nice, and they found 2 trails leading from Overocker Park
- Discussion about whether this was PAC’s role or not. John Cohn felt that giving options to folks seeking the river would help congested river areas.
- Follow-up: John and/or Diane will reach out to the Trails Committee and talk about some ideas to possibly highlight river access points on existing trails.

7:00 PM Northern Gateway Corridor Steering Committee – Gary Bressor

- Gary Bressor presented a plan to create a pedestrian & bike path from the village to the Richmond Park & Ride and also to the mobile home park
- This plan is in the early stages of planning and many possibilities were discussed for funding, stakeholders, and obstacles.
- Gary is spreading the word to as many groups as possible to discuss the long-term Town desire for connecting the village through walking and biking

7:31 PM Adjourn