

Richmond Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

Monday July 10, 2023, 6:00 PM

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

Attending: Check, John Rankin, Diane Mariano, John Cohn, and Chuck Gilroy
From the public: Jim Feinson, Darcy Buret, J Liber Huard, John Low, Lisa Miller
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6:00 PM Welcome & Public Comment - no comment

6:05 PM Additions or deletions to agenda.

- Added report on meeting with trails.
- We moved the East Cochran Road up to allow visitor input

6:07 PM Welcome Matt Buckley. Introduction

6:09 PM Updates regarding East Cochran Road parking

- We observed that few cars using the parking near the bridge due to steepness which was made challenging by recent paving. We saw some parking along Duxbury Road and continued illegal parking on roadsides on Cochran and Rt 2.
- We discussed feedback from a Stage Rd resident about line of sight from Stage Road. Cars in question were likely parked illegally too near the intersection. Similar concerns with residents coming down Wes White.
- Guest observed that there no longer enough parking near Bombardier Field which makes it hard for their family to use. Also brought up the possibility of sidewalks to improve safety.
- Jim F from RLT – Feedback has been mostly good on parking changes at Bombardier. RLT wants to wait a season to see how things work, before making any changes.
- Motion passed to discuss options with Pete for improving parking from Winooski bridge to Duxbury Rd and bring it back to Select Board. Chuck to lead.
- Follow-up to discuss with Pete and VTRANS to understand the issues with the Rt 2 / Cochran Rd as well as es White / Cochran Road intersection.

6:53 PM Approval of 6/26 PAC minutes - Passed (with correction of date)

- Suggestion to give summary of last meetings minutes before approval.

6:55 PM Follow-up on press release.

- Press released seemed to get out e.g., WCAX, FPF
- Feedback seems to be balanced: some like the changes, some don't'.

6:57 PM Follow up on Dugway road signage

- Matt B discussed sign visibility. Points out that 'insufficient notice' is often used as a defense in traffic cases. Suggests 2 more signs might help: halfway between middle and both ends. Also questioned whether 'No Parking on traveled portion of road' might be confusing.

- Diane reviewed suggested wording on temporary signage.
- We discussed a couple of additional parking including a berm near an old guardrail site and a site just east of the gorge. Chuck will ask Pete.
- Follow-up – Chuck to discuss additional parking options on the additional sites on dugway with Pete.
- Follow-Up – Matt to discuss potential conflict on signs with Town Constable and Hinesburg Police.
- Follow-Up – Diane to discuss ticket update with Josh to reflect the \$50 fee approved by the Select Board.

7:18 PM Gillette's Pond dam replacement update.

- Jon L confirmed construction equipment showed up today. Limit of 105 days
- Follow-up Chuck to discuss with Pete possible offer of landowner to add additional parking.

7:33 PM Discussion of meeting with trails committee

- We related discussion with Trails committee about possibilities for improved signage, a kiosk, a picnic bench, and improved visibility from Cochran Rd. Trails committee to take the ideas with their board.

7:45 PM Discussion of roles of PAC members.

- Diane discussed need to adjust who's doing what.
- Matt agrees to help facilitate the meetings.
- Discussed scheduling for rest of summer.
- Follow-up. John C to create a doodle poll for availability

8:00 PM Suggestions for July 24th agenda items.

- Report out on discussion with Pete on East Cochran Road
- Report out on meeting schedule.

8:01 PM Adjourn