

**Richmond Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting
Monday August 14 , 2023. 6:00 PM**

Richmond Town Center Meeting Room #3. 203 Bridge Street, Richmond, VT.

Attending: John Rankin, John Cohn, Diane Mariano, Chuck Gilroy, Matt Buckley.
Meeting was led by John Rankin Minutes prepared by Chuck Gilroy.

- 6:02 PM Welcome & Public Comment
- No members of the public were in attendance. No comments.
- 6:05 PM Additions or deletions to agenda.
- Discussion of river rescue 8/13.
 - Discussion of meeting room conflict for 8/28 meeting.
- 6:07 PM Approval of 7/10 PAC minutes
- Motion made to approve minutes made by Matt.
 - Seconded by Diane.
 - Approved by all.
- 6:08 PM Impact of flooding on recreational parking
- It was noted that a downed tree blocked access to Overrockers. Tree was removed soon after.
 - General restructuring of rivers, banks and sandbars caused by high water.
 - No damage to parking areas were reported.
- 6:11 PM Follow-up on FPF and other inputs
- Diane reached out to VTRANS regarding reported site line concerns at the intersection of Stage road and route 2. We did not receive a reply which is understandable considering the pressure on VTRANS to repair storm damage.
 - Chuck reached out to the road commissioner regarding adding fill to allow parking on East Cochran road near Winooski River Bridge.
 - The PAC feels the town and state will be overwhelmed by the need to repair infrastructure damaged by summer storms and will follow up and will follow at a later date.
- 6:18 PM Follow up on Dugway road signage, roping, etc.
- Parking has improved on Dugway road with new ordinance in effect.
 - It is unclear whether this is due to ordinance of rainy weather.
 - PAC has suggested replacing “No Parking This Side of Road.” signs to replace “No parking on traveled portion of the road” signs. Also adding 3-4 more “No Parking This Side of Road.” In areas far from other signage.

- PAC will suggest adding “NO PARKING This side of road for next two miles to allow emergency vehicle access” signs with vertical arrows to the existing sign posts at the beginning and end of restrictive parking zone. These will be perpendicular to the road for more obvious viewing.
- Chuck will work on sign designs and offer PAC to install the new signs.

- 6:30 PM Updates regarding East Cochran road parking.
- Parking has improved on East Cochran road.
 - It is unclear whether this is due to ordinance of rainy weather.
 - PAC noted that there have been no “Float-A-Palooza events this year.
 - Mark Cross property is back on the market for sale.
- 6:38 PM Gillette’s Pond dam replacement update.
- Work on the dam replacement has started.
 - PAC will follow up on additional parking next month.
- 6:40 PM Discussion of future direction of PAC.
- Possibly adding committee member to represent Wes White Hill.
 - Invite Wes White road resident to present an update on the dam and parking.
 - PAC continues to discuss the benefit of having all Richmond committees gather to discuss common goals and eliminate redundant efforts.
 - PAC discussed the difference between recreation parking to municipal parking.
 - PAC debated the need to meet twice a month vs. once a month.
 - PAC question whether adding bicycle racks at destination parking areas would reduce automobile parking and encourage bicycle use. This will be discussed further as it is unclear whether they would be used.
 - PAC will look to Josh for input as to our future direction.
- 7:07 PM Suggestions for next agenda items.
- Due to scheduling conflicts the PAC will meet again on September 7, 2023.
 - PAC will not meet on 8/28 or 9/11.
 - Diane will reach out to Josh and Duncan to have the town calendar reflect the change.
- 7:09 PM Adjourn
- Motion to adjourn made by John Cohn

- Seconded by John Rankin
- Approved by all