

Minutes PAC 01-11-24

Members present Chuck Gilroy, Matt Buckley, Diane Mariano, John Rankin and John Cohn

Guest - Ian Bender

6:09 p.m. Welcome

6:12 p.m. Agenda. No deletions or additions.

6:13 p.m. Hinesburg PD Parking Data. Diane presented data covering towing and tickets all on weekends, and the 4th of July, as well as high-temperature days. Focus on Dugway Road.

85 tickets were written, and 44 cars were towed. 1 car on Cochran. The period covered was May through August, with 1 day in September (3 tickets). There were 49-50 days with need of assistance in enforcement. Flooding in July, and a cool wet June, held down the activity.

6:16 p.m. Brief reference was made to Josh Arneson's response to questions.

6:18 p.m. Discussion of the Town of Richmond Parking Ordinance. Once again it was pointed out that Overrocker park not included.

John Rankin was impressed with Chief Cambridge's Selectboard presentation regarding overnight parking. John also stated that no specific request from Selectboard was made requiring a vote.

Josh Arneson would like some feedback from PAC. The Housing Committee passed on the issue as well. PAC should be limited to conversation regarding parking areas, rather than roadside.

Diane recommended inclusion of Overrocker Park in the ordinance.

The PAC then discussed whether the front of Volunteers Green, which is open, should be a designated area for overnight parking. Chuck indicated support for this idea.

Ian Bender expressed concern regarding opening up an that might become a homeless encampment. Diane indicated that the homeless issue could perhaps be separated from other needs that individuals may have to stay overnight on a short term basis. She also stated that this might be an issue more appropriate to a town-wide discussion and vote, e.g. Town Meeting.

The PAC then speculated as to whether the Checked House Bridge area should be included in the discussion. No conclusion was drawn.

John Cohn moved that Overrocker Park be included in the parking ordinance, and moved as well that the broader overnight homeless discussion be brought to the whole town. Matt seconded. John Rankin and Chuck voted no. Diane voted yes.

6:40 p.m. PAC Highlight Review. The review would also be connected to 2024 goals. G
The presentation to the Selectboard would not exceed 10 minutes. The Committee
reviewed John's outline on the screen, possible amendments were discussed
amendment to the document by committee members. Diane suggested that maps
might be helpful.

The PAC indicated the Selectboard should be asked whether there are additional areas
PAC should be addressed.

Diane suggested that as man PAC members as possible should be present in front of
the Selecbboard.

2024 Goals will include Gillette Pond, additional signage Checkered House, monitoring
of Dugway Road, and monitoring of East Cochran road. Perhaps

The PAC speculated, as to Dugway Road pull-offs, whether parking should be more defined.
Also discussed was upgrading the look of the Checkered House Bridge area .

7:17 p.m. Wes White and Cochran Road. At least 17 communications with Pete Gosselin and Tyler
have taken place regarding restoring space lost to paving (loss of shoulder) . Perhaps use of
material coming out can help with the shoulder restoration.

PAC will engage in further follow up with Pete regarding both East Cochran and Gillette.

7:23 p.m. Selection of Dugway Road signage. Preference was given for *No Parking This Side of
Road* with a towing graphic.

7:36 p.m. Intersection of Rt. 2 and Cochran. Diane connected with State of Vermont representative.
New signage to be installed by State. Metal poles. Apron area. Changes will come when
weather permits. Line of sight and visibility around vehicles will be examined.

7:42 p.m. Minutes. John C. moved to approve. Chuck seconded. All voted in favor.

7:44 p.m. Next meeting discussed. Feb. 12th. Short meeting to take place from 7:00 p.m.to 8:00 p.m.
on 1-22-24 to prepare further for Selectbaord.

Adjourned 7:52 p.m.