

PAC Minutes. January 22nd, 2024

7:01 p.m. Meeting begins.

Present initially were Chuck Gilroy, Matt Buckley, Diane Mariano and John Cohn. John Rankin arrived at 7:04 p.m.

7:05 p.m. Review wording of PAC's letter to the Selectboard.

Chuck suggested, regarding the Town Parking Ordinance, to apply comments only to Overrocker. Decided Checkered House within province of the State of Vermont. Therefore, nothing further to have in the Ordinance

Municipal Parking Ordinance to include Overrocker. Subsection B. Refers to overnights. Chuck's concern that it does not address parking, and just addresses camping.

Section III does not specifically refer to overnight parking.

Chuck in favor of adding on overnight parking. "Temporary shelter" to include vehicles, cars, trucks. Cannot be done without permission, and only as applied to recreational parking.

Point out to the Selectboard the language is vague.

Should police have discretion to give permission for short-term overnight parking?

7:27 p.m. Townwide discussion re: homeless. Letter to Josh.

Chuck - overnight parking is within purview of PAC. Clarity of language would be helpful.

1. Ordinance does not say overnight
2. More clarity as to permission.
3. Unhouse people a townwide matter.
4. Police have discretion as to enforcement.

Thee following actions were taken:

1. Chuck moved to amend the Town of Richmond Municipal Park Ordinance to include Overrocker Park. This is to correct an oversight. John Cohn seconded the Motion. John Rankin abstained. Diane and Matt voted Yes. Motion passed.

2. Chuck moved to amend Section 4, Subsection B of the Park Ordinance. The words "for the intention of overnight use" shall be added after the existing words "temporary shelter". Matt seconded the Motion. Diane, John Rankin and John Cohn all voted in favor. Motion passed.

3. Chuck moved to amend Section 4, Subsection B of the Park Ordinance to add the word "vehicles" to the list of overnight use prohibitions. Diane seconded, and Matt and John Cohn voted Yes. John Rankin abstained. Motion passed.

4. John Cohn moved for the PAC to notify the Selectboard that the PAC does not believe it to be within PAC's mission to take any action, or make any recommendations, regarding unhoused individuals. Diane seconded the Motion. John Rankin, Matt and Chuck voted Yes. Motion passed.

Adjourned.