

Richmond Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting minutes

Monday, March 25, 2024 6:00 PM

Present in person were Chuck Gilroy, John Rankin, John Cohn, and. Diane Mariano
Absent: Matt Buckley

Lisa Miller was present as a guest.

Opening:

6:02 PM

Welcome & Public Comments

Diane read email from Megs Keir regarding parking on Bridge Street.
Diane will forward to Josh as this is not a recreational parking issue.

Diane read highlights of Jim Feinson, Richmond Land Trust email.
Experts will be added to minutes as they apply.

6:06 PM

Additions or deletions to agenda.

John Rankin added discussion of eclipse parking.

Diane added discussion of possible parking created by new Route 2
Bridge.

Chuck Gilroy added discussion regarding adopting the old water tower
parking area as recreational parking.

Discussion topics:

6:10 PM

1) **Creating skater parking for Gillette Pond,
on Wes White Hill road across from the dam.**

Email from RLT indicated the construction of dam will resume this
summer.

The parking project requires Conditional Use approval from the
DRB and zoning permit. John Rankin will follow up with Josh on
whether these steps should be completed by the town or PAC.

The committee agreed to wait until final dam construction was
completed before work begins.

The committee noted that proposed parking area would require the
people to cross the road when accessing the pond.

- 6:20 PM 2) **Discussion regarding seasonal signs:**
What is on the signs?
Diane led discussion to have “friendly” signs created encouraging responsible use of neighborhoods by visitors.
- Where would they be placed?**
Overrockers Park, Dugway road, Cochran road and RLT parking areas were mentioned.
- Who would create them?**
We could possibly approach volunteers to create signs.
PAC decided to end conversation until the goals and methods could be better defined.
- 6:31 PM 3) **East Cochran road parking options:**
John Cohn will continue to investigate possible parking on Railroad property across for Jonesville Post office.
- RLT indicated via email that they will likely not be addressing the parking area there this year.
- 6:40 PM 4) **Annual opening of parking area at Checker house bridge:**
Chuck Gilroy will reach out to VTrans to arrange meeting to discuss the opening of area and possible signage.
- Diane read that the state will be taking over the “River corridor” and will follow up on implications.
- 6:49 PM 5) **Confirm that the next PAC meeting is on 4/22**
All members present approved the next meeting date.
- 6:50 PM 6) **Approve 3/11/24 meeting minutes:**
Diane made a motion to approve minutes.
John R seconded, minutes approved.

- 6:51 PM 7) **Determine recipient for PAC emails:
Do we need to elect a chair?**
John Cohn will follow up with Duncan to have a*richmondVT*
.org address created for PAC with emails forwarded to all
members of PAC.
- The PAC Gmail account will remain closed.
- No discussion as to electing a committee chair.
- 7:06PM 8) **Reserved for additions:**
- Lisa Miller indicated that the ordinance changes presented to the
select board are being reviewed.
- Discussion regarding parking at the old water tower was postponed
until PAC members can visit the site.
- Eclipse parking is being addressed by the town and no PAC input
is required.
- Diane indicated that no possible parking will be created when new
bridge is built on route 2. VTrans will create a hillside over the old
road.
- RLT (Jim Feinson) email discussed. RLT will focus on Beeken
canoe access/parking and Gillette Pond dam area this summer.
- 7:37 PM **Adjourn**
John R made motion to adjourn, Diane seconded, all approved.
Meeting adjourned.